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AMBASSADOR MAKES ENQUIRIES

London, To-day.
Trans-Ocean learns from authoritative British quarters that the Ambassador in Berlin, Sir Neville Henderson, has been instructed to "gather information from the German Government regarding events in Austria."

There is no question of a British demarche to Germany, it is stressed in London. — Trans-Ocean.

LONDON'S KEEN INTEREST IN AUSTRIA

London, To-day.

The extreme importance of the Austrian developments is fully realised in London.

The "Exchange Telegraph" reports from Vienna that following the amnesty the next step will be gradual absorption of 30,000 Austrian Legionaries who during the past five years have been living in Germany.

Then will come stronger economic relations with the Reich and gradual removal of the ban on certain Austrian newspapers in Germany.

The "Daily Express" believes that sooner or later, anschluss (economic union) will be arranged between Austria and Germany, since the only two obstacles to this step—Austrian opposition and Italian insistence on Austrian independence—have been removed.

England, says the paper, has no reason to lift a finger to guarantee the independence of Austria.

"We have no right to interfere, and it is not our task to forbid Germans in the two countries to unite. — Trans-Ocean.

NEW PROBLEM FOR ATTACKING ARMY

Peiping, To-day.

Japanese official reports claim the capture of Weihwei and say that Japanese troops have now been brought face to face with three Central Government divisions. — Reuter.

Alleged Details Of Supplies During February

Tokyo, To-day.

Official attention in Tokyo is again sharply focussed upon the part which Hong Kong is playing as a channel for the supply of arms and ammunition to China on an enormous scale, following allegations in the "Asahi Shimbun."

Spokesmen of both the War Office and the Foreign Office stated this morning that they were acquainted with the figures published in the "Asahi Shimbun," and it was indicated that the Government views the situation with increasing disapproval.

According to the Hong Kong correspondent of the journal, no fewer than twenty-four ships carrying arms for China have arrived in Hong Kong and discharged their cargoes between February 1 and February 15.

Twelve of them were British ships, it is alleged, the others including three German, three Norwegian, two Dutch, two American, one Italian and one Danish.

ALLEGED FIGURES

The correspondent says that full details of their arms cargoes are not available, but the certain figures are given as indicative of the extent of the trade, asserting that 27 British planes, 26 British tanks, 222 armoured cars, 12 American planes, 400 cases of rifles from Britain and Germany, 45 A.A. guns, 20 cases of machine-guns for aeroplanes, 60 cases of ordinary machine-guns, 1,000 tons of aerial bombs are among the war materials imported in the last fifteen days.

The publications of these "revelations" have caused a sensation in Japan. — Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE TROOPS FOUGHT TO A STANDSTILL

Hankow, To-day.

In the southern sector of the T.P.R., Chinese troops have succeeded in holding up the Japanese advance east and west of Pengpu.

Much of the fighting was hand-to-hand, and every yard of territory was fiercely contested. — Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN'S HUGE MILITARY BUDGET

Tokyo, To-day.

The Finance Ministry has fixed the supplementary budget at 4,800,000,000 yen, according to the "Asahi Shimbun," plus an additional 250,000,000 yen for interest payments.

In the supplementary budget,

FORTIFICATION TUNNEL IN N.T. COLLAPSES: THREE BURIED

Three coolies employed by the War Department in defence works in the New Territories were buried in the collapse of a tunnel in which they were working yesterday.

One of the victims, Yue Yee, was fatally injured and the other two, when extricated, were found to be seriously injured.

They were sent to the Kowloon Hospital and there detained.

The accident occurred in a hillside tunnel in the Hang Hau district.

the sum of 400,000,000 yen will be raised by taxation and 4,400,000,000 yen by bond issues.

After Cabinet approval at the end of February, the budget is being sent to the Diet.

The paper forecasts that the measure will be unanimously approved. — Reuter.

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A Thought For Your Hands

Treat The Nails Tenderly

Very few hands are treated correctly at home. Usually, an occasional filing, with applications of nail polish, is all the attention that they receive, and one can quite safely say that the hands are frequently neglected.

ENLARGED KNUCKLES

Often, quite a beautiful hand is spoilt by enlarged knuckles. If this enlargement is caused by rheumatism, you must then correct your diet, and eat only those foods which are prescribed by your doctor. But usually this enlargement is most noticeable among sports girls. Constantly gripping a tennis racquet, golf club or ball will gradually cause an enlargement to become noticeable. This can be checked, and reduced, by painting the knuckles nightly with white iodine. In the morning, massage them with a little oil of sweet almonds.

Each night, cleanse the hands, with warm olive oil. This will keep the skin soft and supple, and will prevent the nails from becoming brittle also.

Every time you apply cold cream to your face, massage a little into the cuticle. This entails very little time, and will give the nails a well-kept appearance.

When the hands are discoloured, sallow, or the skin appears rough, a good bleaching pack will soon set matters right. Wash the hands thoroughly, apply a little nourishing cream, and then spread the pack thickly over the hands. Work it well into the skin around the knuckles. Allow the mixture to remain on the skin until it is dry, then remove with warm water, and finish off with cold.

HAND EXERCISES

Before treating your nails, you should always indulge in a little hand exercise. This exercise will loosen the muscles and create an invigorated blood flow. You can carry out this exercise whilst either standing or sitting. Allow the arms to hang loosely at the sides. Then tense the arms so that they are quite stiff. You will feel the results of this movement in your elbows. Now centre your mind on your wrists, and gradually lift the fingers, keeping them tightly together so that they point upward and outward. Then, when you feel the strain in the wrist, allow the fingers to slowly relax. Repeat this movement until you are tired.

Beautiful nails need very little treatment, but nails which are not beautiful should be taken in hand and treated immediately. The most important thing to remember is that rough manicure treatment may injure the nails and cause them to grow misshapen. If you are not sure of the correct movements, the best thing to do is to visit a professional manicurist and notice how the treatment is carried out.

When the nails are in bad condition, there are many simple home treatments which you can give, and which will both improve and enhance their appearance.

Usually, brittle nails are caused by lack of lubrication, either through faulty diet, in which case the lack of oil is physical, or by continually dipping the fingers in an alkali solution. In either case, an external application of olive oil, each night and morning, will do much to remedy the condition. Warm the oil slightly and allow the

fingers to soak for at least five minutes. Then a small piece of cottonwool should be dipped in the oil, and the nail should be gently rubbed from the cuticle to the fingertip.

GOOD DISGUISES

To treat hangnails, first remove the dead skin with cuticle scissors, and then bathe them in the oil as recommended above. And last, but by no means least, keep your nails well shaped.

There is the shape of your hands to be considered. If they are too large, you can disguise their shape by wearing a long, tight sleeve with a point which come down over the back of the hand. Try not to leave the sleeve plain. A black cuff always makes a thick wrist appear slimmer.

If you have red hands, avoid wearing white or pale coloured sleeves, otherwise there will be too much contrast.

Sequins Win Favour In Hollywood

Sequins—all types and colours—are predominant in Hollywood wardrobes this season. Sonja Henie, currently appearing in her third starring picture, "Happy Landing," wears a princess evening gown with iridescent sequins in a delicate floral pattern forming a straight panel down the front. An evening cape of white fox and ermine gives an added note to formal luxury to the blonde star.

Norma Shearer attended the opera recently (Lily Pons singing "Lakme") wearing a long evening wrap entirely embroidered with black sequins over a simple black crepe gown. Norma's red hair was curled under in page-boy fashion.

Joan Crawford wears a chic velvet suit designed by Adrian in her latest picture, "Mannequin." The skirt, slim and tailored and not too smart, is topped with a hiplength boxy jacket, plain in front, but sporting a full length sailor collar

of fox which hangs completely to the hipline in back, and is just as wide as the shoulders, giving the appearance of a jacket back fashioned entirely from fur.

Another startling suit worn by Joan in the same picture boasts a bolero in soft, black broadcloth. The skirt again is slim and tailored. The hip length jacket, with rounded corners and three-quarter length bell sleeves, is designed with an intricate border embroidered in white silk, gold thread and steel-beaded medallions.

LUPE'S WINTER COAT

Just before leaving for Mexico City, Lupe Velez purchased an attractive winter coat made of velvety appearing brown wool. Sleeves yokes and panels are trimmed in beaver and a clever touch is the belt of the material twisted into a clasp at front. A matching brown felt hat—small brimmed and peaked—laces up one side of the crown.

Howard Shoup has designed an ensemble for Beverly Roberts to wear under a fur coat—three-quarter length collarless coat of light weight wool which can be coupled with a matching short sleeved dress of mulberry wool crepe made with half-belts coming from the sides, buckling in back, and trimmed with twisted gold buttons. The coat of self-material is fashioned on princess lines. Another similar ensemble Beverly wears in "Highway Pirates" is a henna wool with gold braid frog fastenings from the high simple neck to the waistline. The three-quarter length coat for this dress is swing style and completely without trimming.

Claire Dodd's favourite dancing gown this season is fashioned in the new Egyptian silhouette. Combining green and purple crepe in fascinating insets, the dress features a halter neck of green extending into floating panels. With this, Claire wears a sable wrap lined with the green and purple crepe.

PERFUME

Here are a few perfume do's and don'ts. Don't put perfume on your dress—it isn't good for either. Do use a spray—you'll get better results than if you pour scent direct from the bottle. A good idea, also, is to soak little pads of cotton wool with perfume. Pin one inside the front of your dress. Press another small one inside the top "fold" of each ear.

"Key" spots for perfume-application are the wrists, the palms of the hands, between the fingers, the chin, eyebrows, the hair.

If you're in doubt about perfume-buying, always choose a small, high-priced bottle rather than a large small-priced bottle. It gives one confidence to know that one is trailing an expensive scentaura.

browned beef suet (which has been kept sweet and firm in the refrigerator) are added to the frying onions. Enough flour to make a paste, and "pot liquor" from the potatoes, cabbage, or other vegetables being boiled, make a delicious gravy. If it should be pale, a little browning added will make it simulate the true beef gravy. It may be strained before serving, or left as is. Do not add salt, as the vegetables are salted; just pepper to taste.



FASHION GOES TO YOUR HEAD

There's a craze for evening headdresses, and Paris is doing all sorts of wonderful things with them. Some are quite simple—just a swirl of ribbon and a bow, or a flower or two. Others are very original, and sometimes eccentric. The sketch shows a group of the newest. They may be too elaborate for you, but remember it's smart to decorate your hair in the evening. You can tie it up with a plain ribbon bow or deck it with one or two posies of flowers. Hair clips are being worn a great deal too, by those who dress their hair in a coil at the nape of the neck.

The Cold Shoulder!

What to do with that cold roast, the buttered package into an open be it veal or beef? It was fair-sized in the beginning, to ensure its being tender. The first cooking it was served hot, with browned potatoes. Next day, cold, for lunch, nicely sliced, with a salad. The third time as a goulash, with plenty of golden brown onions, flavoured with what was left of the original gravy and a little chili powder. Then the ragged pieces were pared off and put through the mincer, to turn up in the guise of rissoles, for lunch. And still the roast persisted!

Hash was taboo. Yet the roast must be used in the interest of ordinary economy! But how, and not lose face before the family when once more it made an appearance?

Leaving the generous portion still adhering to the bone, smear the meat with butter, or beef dripping, seasoning with pepper. Then wrap it securely in thick buttered papers, which come around the butter from the store or dairy. (I save all these valuable buttered wrappers.) Put

the buttered package into an open roaster, and place in a hot oven to warm through thoroughly, taking about half an hour. Like Phoenix rising from its ashes, the old roast, smelling as appetisingly as a fresh one, and looking equally as juicy and tempting, makes a dashing debut, to be heartily approved by the admiring family.

THE GRAVY

But what about gravy for this pseudo-roast?

When sending the larger roasts, the butcher knows to include a good lump of beef suet. This is sliced and skewered to the veal or beef while roasting slowly, thus allowing a nice quantity of beef dripping. Then before making the gravy in the roaster, after the dripping has been poured off, the crisp browned pieces of suet are laid aside for flavouring of future gravy-less meat.

So when the pseudo-roast is on the menu, some of the beef dripping is used to fry one good-sized onion. Small chips from the

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT Corsets!

The relation between your figure and the appearance of your clothes, makes it necessary to choose a suitable foundation garment to emphasize the good points of each as well as minimise the defects of the former.

I find that the average woman has very little actual knowledge of what constitutes a satisfactory foundation garment and often chooses one that is neither comfortable nor flattering to her figure. In many instances she fails to buy the right kind of fabric for sturdy wearing qualities or she chooses a combination model whose brassiere raises her bust in an exaggerated manner rather than support it normally.

To-day I'm going to pass on to you some suggestions for choosing your corset or foundation garment which were given to me by a corset fitter who is an expert in her line. She emphasizes the advisability of buying two garments at a time, as a means of acquiring better wear for the garments themselves as well as having a more trim figure while you wear them. Wearing a corset steadily will shorten its normal life besides making it almost impossible for you to launder it as often as a corset should be tubbed, which is once a week. Don't be afraid to scrub your corset frequently in mild, warm soapsuds; it is built to stand it, nor can you expect to be dainty and well-groomed yourself, if your undergarment doesn't fit into the picture.

Material Best Suited

Now what kind of material is best suited to a corset or foundation garment? Batiste is most popular; next comes broadcloth, which is strong and long-wearing, and coutil, another sturdy and firmly holding material. In warm weather, net, linen and cotton mesh are excellent, all three being light weight in fabric, porous, and delightfully cool. Satin is popularly regarded as a luxury fabric, but women who can afford to wear it for their corsets love its sleek, lustrous quality and the sinuous lines it gives the figure.

Lastex is a stretchable yarn that is woven or knitted into various types of fabrics for undergarments, some of which are sturdy as can be, others as light and fine as silk. Sometimes lastex is used by itself in corsets or foundations, but more often it is combined with fabrics like batiste or net, or satin, the latter being used for the back and front where give is undesirable.

Firmly To Place

The most important phase in selecting a foundation garment, which is technically a combination of corset and brassiere, is seeing to it that your foundation is firmly in place at your waist line, so that there will be no tendency for your bust to be pulled down when you are seated. Be sure to sit down in your new garment before deciding on its purchase, and see to it that there is no unnatural strain on the shoulder straps or distortion of

the bust line in either the sitting or standing position. To-day's bosom, remember, should be high, wide and handsome, a natural youthful silhouette that is a far cry from the masculine flatness of a few years ago, yet in no way attempt to exaggerate delicately beautiful curves into a movie conception of seductiveness.

Rubber Garments

In conclusion, just a word about rubber foundation garments whose use is confusing to many people who labour under the impression that their constant wear will act as a weight reducer and are disappointed when they fail to get anticipated results.

Rubber foundation garments reduce only in proportion to the amount that they induce you to perspire? and for that reason are excellent for wear during exercising or for sports, or for about the home when you are being a busy, active little dirt-chaser. But don't wear one under the delusion that you can eat all you want to, and lie about like the queen of a harem, while your rubber foundation charms away the pounds and inches. It just can't be done!

And, while I'm on the subject of calories, let me pass on to you here the very timely remark of a pretty friend of mine who recently said in refusal of a particularly tempting chocolate cream—

"I love candy, but I always say to myself—a half a minute in the mouth, an hour in my stomach, and ten years on my hips."



FRANKLY AND FASHIONABLY LUXURIOUS

Never has jewellery been so frankly gaudy, so massively jungle-like, so colourfully sparkling as now. Above you see a topaz and emerald (synthetic) pendant on a topaz strand. The pendant is detachable and can be worn as a clip, leaving a glittering necklace of topaz. On her finger she wears a dazzling ring with square and round rhinestone design.

Corner On Chic

Brief Review of the Shops

(By URSULA JEFFRIES)

Stalking the shops for merchandise and ensembles embodying good taste, wearability and chic, resulted in fashion honours going to the following:

Mayo's for the black velvet pill-box hat, with its crown covered in feathers of a vivid shade of green and red. A flat velvet button in centre of crown, and veil are other details.

For the black felt model, worn slapbang over the right eyebrow, and held to the head by a strip of felt. Black and green feathers adorn the crown of this one Superb for offsetting the simplest black frock in a blaze of glory.

Henry's for a massive, jungle-like necklace woven of tiny beads in red, blue and green with gold touches to form four strands of rope on which hangs a barbaric-looking flower. Bracelet to match.

For gay, giddy and sparkling jewellery, including such ultra smart pieces as aquamarines set with rhinestones, corals set with pearls, rubies, emeralds, garnets, sapphires—synthetic, of course, but blazing in brooches, buckles and bracelets.

Colonial Dispensary for little clusters of porcelain flowers in brooches, hair-clips and pendants.

Add them to a severe frock for that touch of femininity.

Vogue's for the black crepe street dress, with gored skirt giving the illusion of sun-ray pleats, and pleated pocket handkerchieves, one red and the other white, stitched to a small pocket on the left side of the bust. Synthetic ruby rhinestone clip at throat, and buttons down the front of the bodice are other highlights.

For a stunning afternoon frock, combining navy and light blue with red, and plain materials with a dashing print. Skirt has molded lines and is in navy blue. Waist is swathed in a wide sash of light blue. Colours on a red ground form the bodice.

Maizee's for a pink marquisette evening frock with its full skirt banded in black lace for the girl who wears size 12.

For the pique "after dark" gown in horizontal stripes of many hues. Shoulder straps and new "bras" fitted bodice.

For the white cotton town frock, cleverly accented with red piping on

new pockets, collar, belt and front opening. For dash, a little jacket elaborately embroidered in red, green and brown tones is worn with it.

For the white felt sailor which boasts a hair net at the back and narrow grosgrain ribbon trimming in yellow, wine and olive green.

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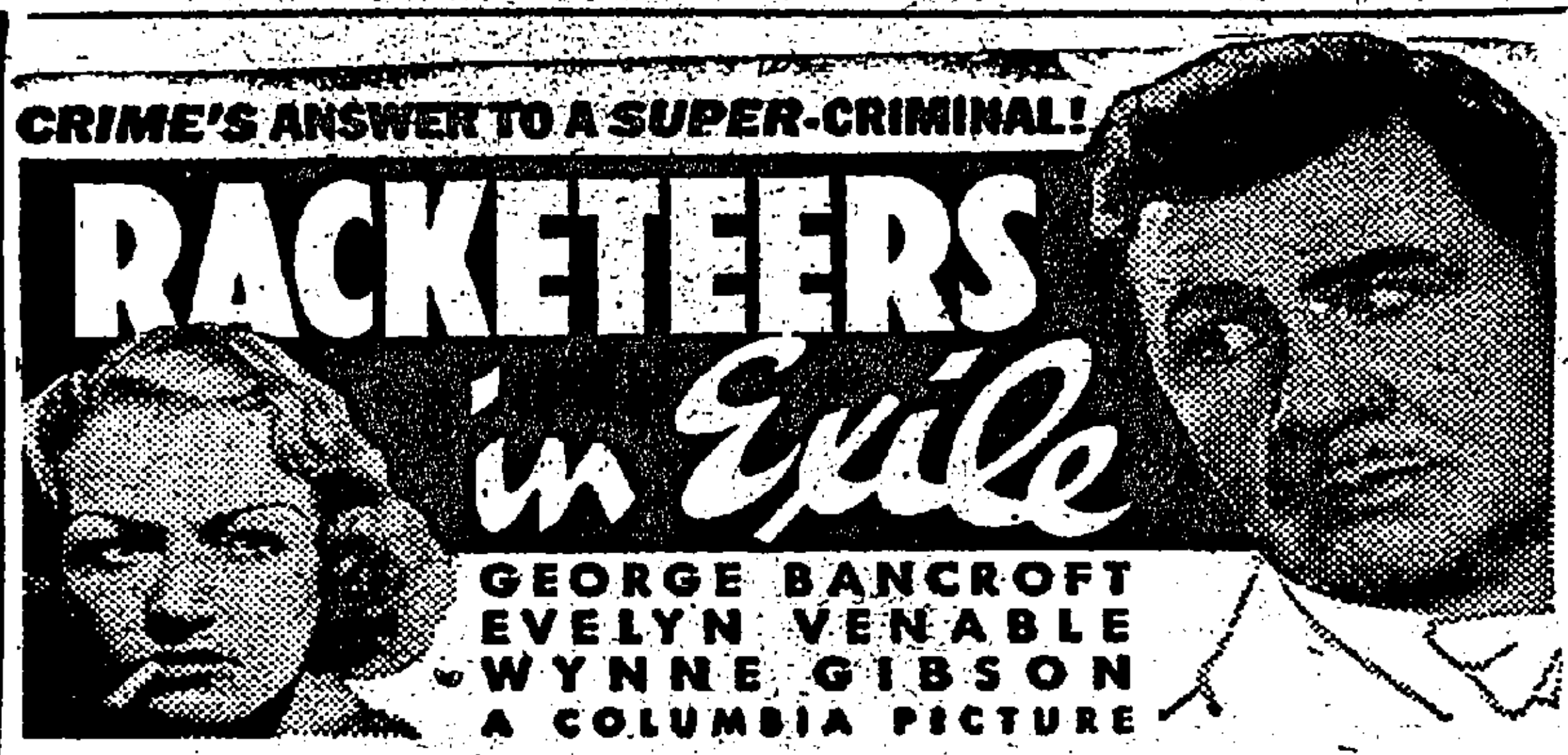
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India Government Declines To Give Way To Congress

London, To-day.

The question of the new political situation in India consequent to resignation of the Congress ministries in the United Provinces and Bihar, was raised in the House of Commons yesterday.

After recapitulating recent events, Earl Winterton, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said that the Governor-General, who was specially responsible for preventing any grave menace to the peace and tranquility of India, had decided that he could not agree to immediate and discriminate release of the body of legally convicted prisoners, including terrorists with police records.

He was satisfied, and the Marquis of Zetland (Secretary of State for India), was in complete agreement, that adoption of the proposals of the ministries in these two provinces would be attended by the gravest risk to peace and tranquility.

Gandhi said that the prisoners had assured the president of the Ministry that their convictions had changed them since their imprisonment, and that their only desire was to live the life of peaceful citizens.—Reuter.

HOPES DISAPPOINTED

London, To-day.

The political crisis in India rivals the Austrian developments in importance in the London newspapers.

Hope that Mahatma Gandhi would exert a moderating influence on events has been disappointed, and intensification of the crisis, it is feared, may jeopardise the whole work of constitutional reform.

Several papers think the crisis will result in strengthening the left wing of the Congress Party.—Trans-Ocean.

INDIVIDUAL SCRUTINY

Earl Winterton added that the provincial governors had been prepared to deal with cases of prisoners at present not released on the basis of individual scrutiny, but the ministers in both provinces had not been content with this procedure, and proposed release of all remaining so-called political prisoners regardless of the nature and circumstances of their crimes.—Reuter.

GANDHI'S ATTITUDE

Haripura, To-day.

Mahatma Gandhi, who is in Haripura attending the annual Congress Party meeting, told Reuter yesterday that the Governor-General's action in refusing to grant release of the rest of the political prisoners, as demanded by the Bihar ministry, might entail a crisis the consequences of which none could foretell.

He added that discharge of a few prisoners, even though they were convicted of crime, including terrorism, could not endanger India's peace and tranquility.

PROLONGED SNOW FALL IN SPAIN

Saragossa, To-day.

There has been a prolonged fall of snow in many parts of Spain.

This accounts for the lull in the fighting in the past few days.—Trans-Ocean.

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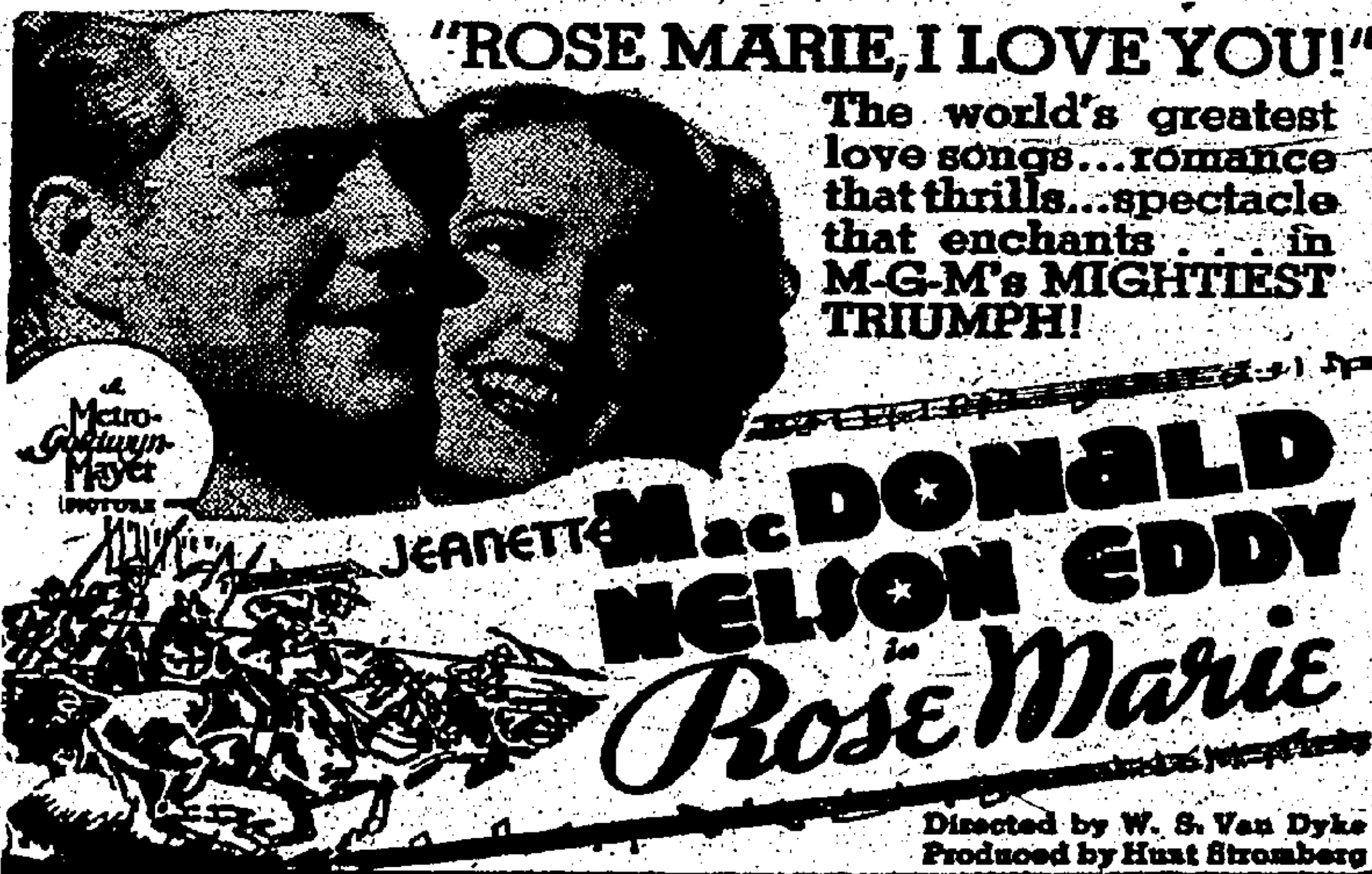
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SEVERE STREET FIGHTING WITHIN TSINING'S WALLS

Shanghai, To-day.
Severe street fighting is continuing within the walls of the city of Tsining, according to vernacular despatches received here this morning. The streets of the town are reported to be strewn with hundreds of dead and wounded troops lying in streams of blood.

The entry to the town took place early yesterday morning when two Chinese battalions stormed the northern sector of the city.

Hurling hand grenades and bombs they managed to wipe out the Japanese who were defending that part of the town, and entered the city which they had besieged for five days.

STREET FIGHTING

The battle in the streets of Tsining is stated to be still in progress, the Chinese gaining the upper hand in all skirmishes, with the result that the remaining Japanese troops are preparing to abandon the city.

Japanese military officials here admit that the Chinese have entered part of Tsining, but deny that the situation was as bad as painted by Chinese despatches. They claim that the Japanese authorities have the situation well under control and the re-inforcements are on the way to strengthen the Japanese garrison at Tsining.—Our Own Correspondent.

FAILURE OF ANGLO-ITALIAN TALKS

London, To-day.

Next session of the non-intervention committee will not take place before next week.

Postponement of the meeting, scheduled for early this week, is believed to be due to the failure of the Anglo-Italian talks to produce anything definite. The talks are connected in a way with the non-intervention committee's activities.

The sub-committee, however, will meet several times this week in connection with drafting plans for control of Spanish ports, Trans-Ocean.

MADRID CLAIMS LOYALTY OF LEAGUE MEMBERS

Madrid, To-day.

The Spanish delegation to the meeting of the International League of Nations Unions has resolved on the following proposals. Adoption of measures against air raids on open towns.

Re-establishment of free exchange of goods with Republican Spain.

Protest against recognition of the Franco Government by various nations belonging to the League of Nations.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN'S DEMAND FOR NAVAL PARITY

Tokyo, To-day.

If Britain and the United States agree on naval parity with Japan, the latter will have no objections either to disarmament or convocation of a disarmament conference, says the newspaper "Hochi."

The journal's editorial is one of a large number of articles in the press devoted to the current naval shipbuilding race.

The influential "Asahi" urges Britain and the United States to reconsider their disarmament formula, paying more attention to Japan's "actual power."

The paper says: "It is a matter of deep displeasure to note that Britain, France and U.S.A. are utilising Japan's replies to their notes rationalise their own naval expansion."

In the journal's opinion, the current naval race has been motivated by Britain's present programme of naval expansion.

The paper says "One cannot but be surprised by the cunning displayed by British diplomats in fixing responsibility for naval expansion solely on Japan and concealing Britain's own ambitions."

Seeing inconsistency in the attitude of the U.S., the journal asserts that the failure of disarmament talks in the past has always been caused by America's "bigger navy" principle.—Reuter.

POLITICAL BAN IN RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.

The Rumanian Minister of Interior has circulated all prefects in the country on the importance of banning activities of all political parties.

Meetings, distribution of pamphlets, and so on, are all prohibited.—Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET PLANE MYSTERY

Talinn, To-day.

A Soviet military aeroplane with two occupants wearing the uniform of officers of the Red Army landed near Verso, in Estonia, yesterday.

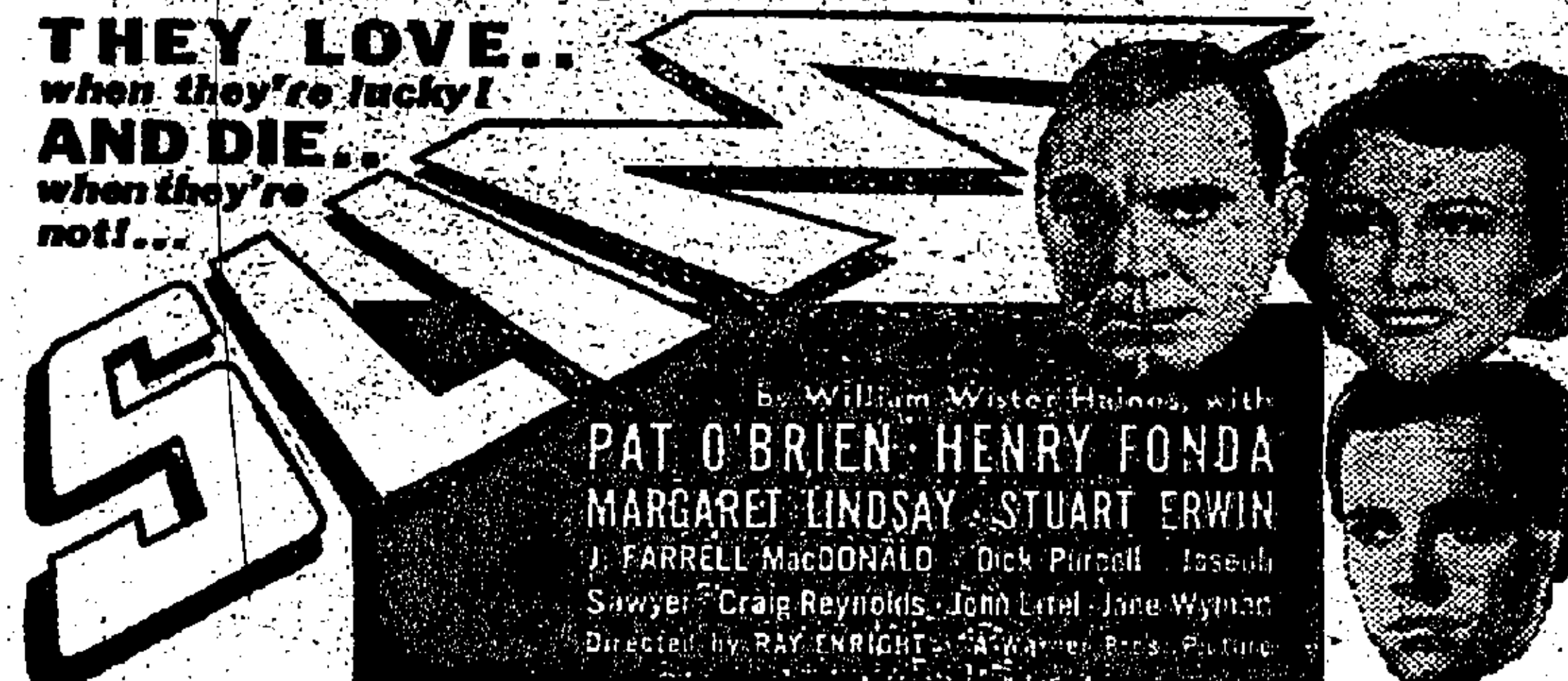
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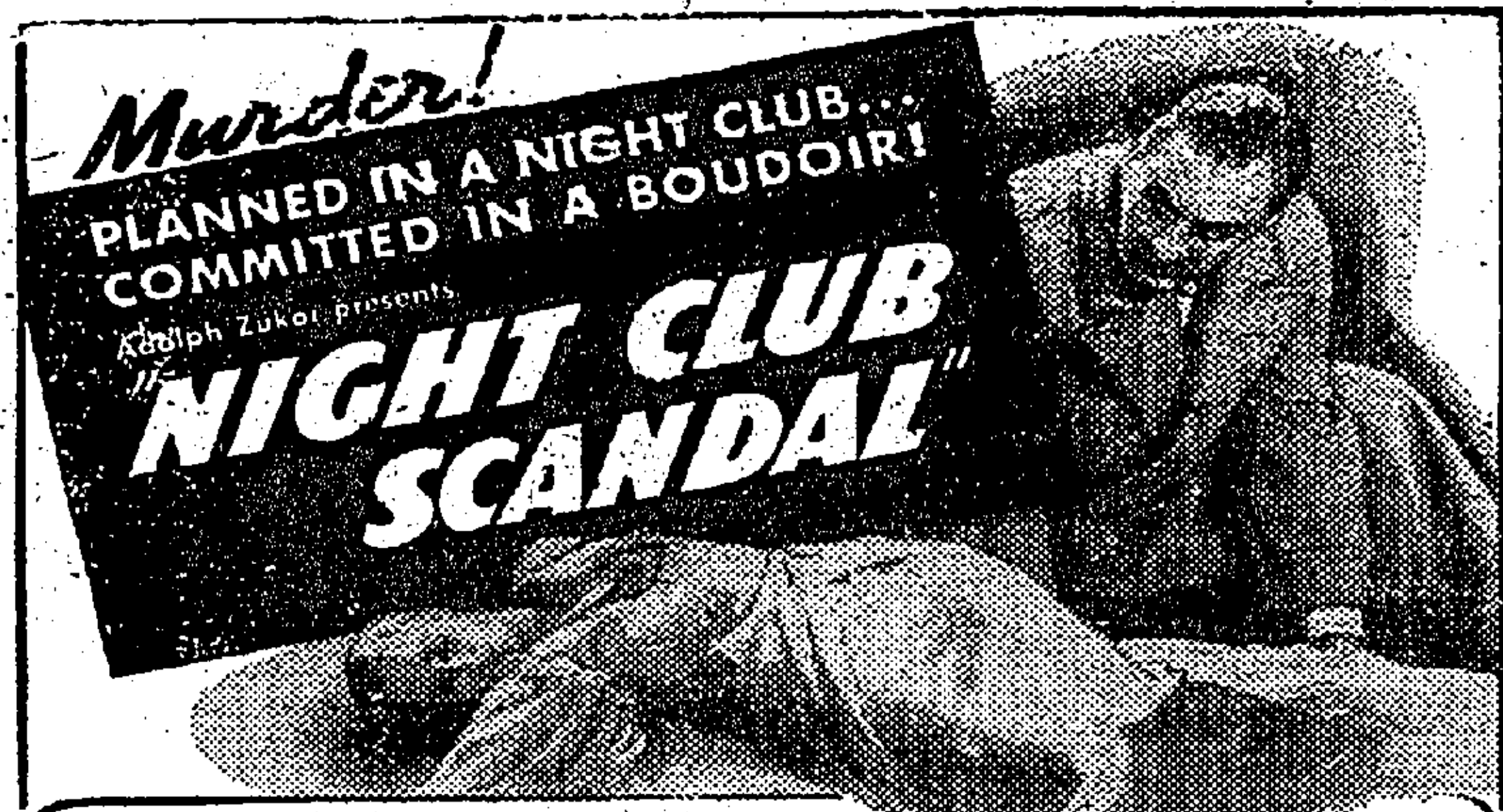
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Lam Yung, aged 20, working at No. 172, Prince Edward Road, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects

KING CAROL MAY DISSOLVE NEW CABINET

Bucharest, To-day.

In spite of official details, rumours persist that the new Rumanian Government will shortly be dissolved by King Carol.

M. Tatarescu, at present Deputy-Premier, says one report will be head of the new government, and five former premiers will consist a privy council to act as supreme advisory body of the Crown.

In the meantime the new Cabinet taken by the Goga Fascist Government, and thousands of new officials is modifying the extreme measures appointed by M. Goga will be dismissed.

Lifting, or at any rate, modification, of the anti-Jewish measures, is expected.—Trans-Ocean.

of charcoal fumes. She had used a charcoal chat'ry to heat the servants' quarters.

NEW HONG KONG FLATS LET BEFORE COMPLETION

Rapid development of the Argyle Street area as a residential district was mentioned at the annual meeting of shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited, which was held this morning at the Hong Kong Hotel when Mr. D. E. Clark was in the chair.

Among those present were Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. J. M. Alves, the Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson (directors), Mr. J. L. Quie (Secretary), and the following shareholders Messrs. J. D. Humphreys, J. E. Jupp, W. C. Lee, C. A. L. Rickett, R. H. Wild, C. Bernard Brown and P. C. Potts.

The chairman said:—Profit for the year under review is some \$19,000 better than for the preceding year. This includes a small profit made on the sale of a portion of our investments, calculated on their written down value, and also an item of \$2,026.40 for dividends unclaimed for over 5 years, and now forfeited.

For the greater part of the year we had a number of flats and houses vacant and it was not until October we were able to put up the "House Full" notice.

Profit and Loss Account shows a small saving under the headings "Repairs" and "Interest," but against these items there is a drop in Dividends received due to sale of investments referred to.

MORTGAGE REPAYED

From a perusal of the Balance Sheet you will notice that the item of 5 lakhs under Mortgages has disappeared, and that the Overdraft with our Bankers has considerably increased. This is accounted for by the repayment to the Hong Kong Government of the Building Loan advanced to the Company 15 years ago which expired at the end of the year, and was then paid off.

Special repairs were again a fairly heavy item, but we anticipate a saving under this heading during the current year. Further expenditure was incurred in modernising more of our older flats in Nathan Road and this is largely responsible for the charge under Building Improvement Account.

During the year work was commenced on the erection of 12 more

flats in Argyle Street and these will be ready for occupation next month. They are similar to the first block of 12 erected in 1935, with improvements. Amongst these will be permanent wireless aerials serving all flats, which will obviate the necessity of tenants erecting their own aerials—a practice which we find frequently does serious damage to roofs and makes many buildings in the Colony look so unsightly.

ALREADY LET

It will interest shareholders to learn that all these new flats are already let and at the moment the demand is still unsatisfied. Argyle Street and the immediate neighbourhood is rapidly becoming popular as a residential area, and with a view to improving the amenities of the district we have asked the Government if they can see their way to planting trees along the roads or footpaths. The roads in this district are wide and we can see no objection to this course from a traffic point of view.

TEST CASE ON FIRM'S SALARY DEDUCTION

Described as a test action by Mr. W. A. Mackinlay, in which over \$40,000 was involved, a claim for \$465.47 was brought against the China Emporium Limited by one of its former employees, Cheng Pik-sun, before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, at the Summary Court this morning.

Plaintiff was legally represented by Mr. Mackinlay while Mr. M. W. Lo appeared for defendant company.

The claim was for balance of wages said to be due to plaintiff after he was dismissed from the Company. It was alleged that some time in August, 1934, it was verbally agreed between plaintiff and defendant that as from August 16, 1934, a sum equivalent to 20 per cent. of plaintiff's wages would be retained by the company and repaid if and when the company made profits.

Plaintiff was dismissed on August 31, 1936 and claimed \$465.47 as balance of wages from August 16, 1934 to August 31, 1936.

TRANSLATION

Mr. Mackinlay said the defence was that the deduction of salary was a definite reduction and not a retention to be repaid. Counsel stated that he intended to call the Reverend H. R. Wells to testify to the real translation of certain Chinese characters contained in the notification which was subsequently circulated among defendant company's employees confirming the retention of portion of the salaries.

Plaintiff entered the witness box and gave evidence.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, plaintiff stated that at the meeting of heads of departments, when the Chief Manager addressed them, he did not say "Kow Tsui" (Reduce) but said "Kow Chuen" (retain). The Manager did not read the notification out but in his own words conveyed that salaries were to be reduced and the amounts retained and repaid if and when the company made profits.

The case was adjourned to March 8 next.

WIDOW CAUTIONED IN MUITSAI CASE

Lai Hang, aged 66, a widow and a refugee, was this morning cautioned by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy when she pleaded guilty to keeping an unregistered muitsai at No. 191, Wan-chai Road.

Inspector Fraser said that while making other enquiries, he saw the girl in the kitchen of the ground floor, and questioned her. She admitted she was a muitsai and had come down with the defendant from Canton two months ago. She did very little work, was well fed and treated, and had expressed a desire to remain with the defendant.

FRENCH LABOUR STATUTE

Paris, To-day.

Debates on the new Labour Statute were opened in the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies yesterday.

The discussions opened in what was hardly a peaceful atmosphere.—Trans-Ocean.

While Chung Tam-sau, was driving a lorry on to the vehicular Ferry yesterday, a foki, Yeung Chi, fell off and sustained head injuries from which he died in the Queen Mary Hospital.

TURN IN THE TIDE FOR CHINA ON WAR FRONTS

Well Prepared Positions Along Yellow River

CONSOLIDATION ACHIEVED: STRONG COUNTER-OFFENSIVES

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese forces have finally succeeded in consolidating their positions, according to Chinese reports from the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and Peiping-Hankow Railway fronts, and the military authorities express confident belief that the situation is now taking a turn for the better for the Chinese.

This development followed an anxious week in which Japanese troops on both fronts launched simultaneous drives against the Chinese positions.

In the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, the Japanese forces have threatened Hsuehchow, and on the Peiping-Hankow Railway they have menaced Chengchow and Kaifeng.

Meanwhile, reports state that Chinese military officials are not alarmed at the sudden Japanese advance southward along the Peiping-Hankow line, pointing out that the Chinese positions south of Changteh represent a salient vulnerable to attack.

IRREGULARS AT FRONT

The Chinese positions north of Weihwei are defended by irregulars, including former Manchurian troops commanded by Gen. Wan Fu-lin, and the 29th Army commanded by Gen. Sung Chieh-yuan.

Crack Central Government troops are defending well-prepared positions in the vicinity of the Yellow River, "whose crossing, if it is ever attempted by the Japanese, will prove exceedingly expensive for them."

CHINESE CLAIM

The Chinese military authorities further emphasise that although Japanese troops have reached Changyuan and Fengchiu, only 30 miles from the river, they will "find it very difficult to cross" in order to attack Kaifeng, capital of Honan and an important point on the Lung-hai Railway.—Reuter.

Anticipating such a move by the Japanese troops, the Chinese command long ago stationed strong detachments to guard the southern bank of the Yellow River in the vicinity of Kaifeng. The Chinese military authorities explain that "crossing of the river is no easy task."

COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

Meanwhile, the Japanese advance northward on the T.P.R. from Pengpu to Hsuehchow is stated in Chinese reports to be meeting with difficulties.

The Chinese forces are launching a strong counter-offensive at Kaochen, south of Kwaiyuan and south-west of Fengyang.

The Japanese forces are stated to have withdrawn part of their troops from the north bank of the Hwai River to the south bank in order to check the Chinese advance.

It is also reported that another column of Chinese troops at present is attacking Mingkwan, north of Pengpu.—Reuter.

JAPANESE CLAIMS

Shanghai, To-day. Following an intensive bombardment in which many tons of explosives were flung against the Chinese fortifications, the Japanese yesterday made a breach in the first line sector of defence on China's left wing north of Weihwei, according to Japanese despatches.

Led by tanks and armoured cars Japanese infantry poured through the breach and engaged the enemy in sanguinary hand-to-hand fighting.

FENGCHIU CAPTURE

Meanwhile, the Japanese claim the capture of Fengchiu, 18 miles north of Kaifeng, which they assert will enable them either to cross the Yellow River and attack Kaifeng or execute a flanking movement against the iron belt north of Weihwei.

Chinese despatches record a counter-attack against a number of towns situated between Yenchow and Tsingtao, and also claim to have cut Japanese communications along the T.P.R. south of Yenchow.

Trainloads of Japanese troops are reported to be rushing from Manchuria to reinforce the Japanese forces on the T.P.R. and P.H.R.

Various Chinese successes are claimed in the area between Nanjing and Hangchow, including recapture of two towns on the highway linking the two cities.—Reuter.

COLONIAL M.O.

London, To-day.

Doctor A. J. R. O'Brien, at present Assistant Medical Adviser at the Colonial Office, who had a distinguished career as medical officer in the Colonial Service, is to succeed Sir Thomas Stanton as Chief Medical Adviser. — British Wire-less.

The next General Meeting of the H.K. University Engineering Society for the year 1937-38 will be held on Monday, 21st February, at 8.45 p.m. in Room "K," when Mr. F.J.M. Bourdrez, of the League of Nations, will deliver a lecture entitled "Work along the great rivers of China," (with lantern slides). All interested are welcome.

SHANGHAI POSTAL CENSORSHIP

Shanghai, To-day.

The Post Office Commissioner, M. Chaplain, has been officially informed of the intention of the Japanese to institute a censorship of the Post Office.

The exact date on which the censorship will begin, however, and the manner in which it will be exercised, has not been determined.—Trans-Ocean.

BUTENCO TURNS UP IN BUCHAREST

Rome, To-day.

M. Theodore Butenco, Soviet charge d'affaires in Bucharest, who, according to "Giornale d'Italia," has now been found in Rome after his mysterious disappearance, is alleged to have told his story to the newspaper.

The paper says that M. Butenco fled from the iron ring of the Ogpu, which was gradually encircling him.

He is said to have told "Giornale d'Italia" that he knew his life was menaced because Ogpu agents called on him at the Legation and tried to lure him outside.

He hid in Bucharest for four days before being able to cross the frontier.—Reuter.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by the Government of Formosa against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of Small-pox.

CHINESE SUCCESSES IN HWAI R. REGION

Hankow, To-day.

The big counter-offensive launched by Chinese troops on the western side of the Tsinan-Hsuehchow branch of the T.P.R. has led to further important successes, according to Chinese claims.

Intense fighting in this region is still in progress and both sides are said to have suffered heavy losses.

The Chinese claim to have driven out the Japanese from Lianghsiatien, a station on the T.P.R., and to be within striking distance of Chowhsien.

An unconfirmed report says that Chowhsien is already in Chinese hands.

Heavy fighting is also raging at Tsining, with the outcome uncertain.

HARASSING REAR

In the Hwai River region the Chinese are still concentrating on harassing the Japanese rear.

This kind of warfare leads to no spectacular results but the Chinese command is said to be highly pleased with what has been achieved.

Chinese planes are in action more and more these days, and it is evident that Soviet planes are now arriving in greater numbers.—Trans-Ocean.

Twenty-two cases of smallpox were reported to the local Health Authorities in the last 24 hours. All were in Victoria.

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RHODESIA COMMISSION

London, To-day.
The King has approved the appointment of the Royal Commission to examine the question of closer relations between Southern and Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, with the terms of reference made public last November.

Lord Bledisloe, former Governor-General of New Zealand, and a well-known authority on agricultural questions will be chairman. Other members are to be announced shortly.—British Wireless.

ARMY RECRUITING

London, To-day.
Recruits for all arms in the Regular Army last week numbered 730 of whom 373 enlisted in the infantry. This is a total increase of 252 over the intake for the corresponding week last year and the best return for that particular week since 1933.—British Wireless.

EVENTS ATTRACT CLOSE ATTENTION

London, To-day.
Despatches from Vienna appear prominently in all newspapers and the space devoted to Central European developments reflects the interest and concern with which the public are following events.

Comment in the newspapers shows sympathy with the Austrian Chancellor in whose disinterest and loyalty confidence is expressed. His character and the exceptional skill with which he has steered his country through difficult times has earned him widespread respect.

The Austrian situation was also the subject of anxious comment by speakers in the Lords' debate on foreign affairs last evening.—British Wireless.

Owing to the Blackout on Monday, 28th February, the Evening Institute will not re-open till Tuesday, 1st March.

New Ambassador Dispels Rumours Of New Peace Plan

Scouting recent reports that he had come to China with definite instructions to act as mediator and with definite peace proposals between China and Japan, Sir Archibald Kerr Clarke-Kerr, interviewed by the "China Mail" on his arrival in the Colony this morning in the Kaiser-I-Hind, said that while he was always prepared to act as mediator, to say that he had come out with that express purpose, was utter nonsense.

Britain's new Ambassador, whose well set up figure and ruddy complexion, bespeaks the athlete more than the diplomat, received a party of local pressmen in the smoke room of the Kaiser-I-Hind, despite the fact that he had a bare 10 minutes in which to prepare for his official

landing which took place at 9.30 this morning.

GOING NORTH IN FALMOUTH

He said that he would be staying in Hong Kong for a day or two before proceeding to Shanghai in H.M.S. Falmouth.

Asked where he would establish the Embassy, Sir Archibald said:—

"It has been left to my own discretion. I shall have to study conditions in China first."

He added with a smile, "As long as I can find some place where I can keep in touch with current affairs, and have an occasional hot bath, I shall be perfectly satisfied."

CHUNGKING TRIP

"When do you expect to present your credentials?" His Excellency was asked. There is a rumour that you will not do this until the present hostilities are finished.

"An Ambassador is not an Ambassador until he does present his credentials," was the reply. "I shall proceed to the capital of China, wherever that may be at the moment, at the earliest possible opportunity. How I shall get there, I have not decided. I shall have to find out how things are first."

"I would like to take one of our own gunboats up the river from Shanghai as far as Hankow and fly to Chungking if that is possible, otherwise I suppose I shall have to take the usual course of coming to Hong Kong and flying."

POLITICS TABOO

Asked about the attitude of the major Powers towards China, Sir Archibald said that he would rather not comment on politics. "You will of course appreciate my position," he explained.

Sir Archibald, was met by a representative of His Excellency the Governor at 9 o'clock and proceeded to Hong Kong by special launch where he was received by a guard of honour from the Royal Scots.

RELAY RAIDS IN KWANG-TUNG TODAY

Canton, To-day.

The air raid alarm was sounded at 8 o'clock this morning, with several groups of Japanese planes operating in various parts of Kwangtung.

Seven of these were seen at Saichuen, north-west of Canton.

The thud of bombs was heard some distance west of Shameen, when two planes had just been seen over the city and another across the river south of Shameen.

Anti-aircraft guns thundered into action and puffs of smoke were seen all round the Japanese machines. It is too early for details.—Router.



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PROTEST MEETINGS IN VIENNA'S BIGGER FACTORIES

Workers Disturbed By Political Developments

Pro-Nazi Minister Of Interior Off To Berlin

Vienna, To-day.

It is learned authoritatively that Herr Zeiss-Inquart, the new Minister of Interior and Public Security, left for Berlin at 7.30 yesterday evening by train.

Meanwhile, Herr Taws, secretary-general of the Austrian Nazi organisation, who was released under the amnesty last night, was conducted over the German frontier.

Informal protest meetings against the appointment of Herr Zeiss-Inquart were held yesterday in Vienna's biggest factories.

Strikes were threatened to bring the protests home, but union officials calmed the workers and persuaded them to return to work.

Herr Zeiss-Inquart's portfolio is now described as including the affairs of public security and certain spheres of internal administration.

He is also appointed Federal leader of the National Political Department, which was created within the Fatherland Front after the 1936 agreement between Austria and Germany, for the purpose of reconciling the Nazis and bringing them into the front.

CABINET COMPLETE

The Cabinet has been completed by the appointment of Herr Matschnik as Secretary of State in the Ministry of Forestry.

The secretary-general of the Fatherland Front, Herr Zernatto, has appointed the Deputy of the Front leader, Dr. Schuschnigg, in place of Herr Baarbahrenfels, whose resignation has been accepted.

Herr Rott has been appointed leader of the Social Labour community, a state organisation designed to reconcile the workers.

GERMAN TRADITION

Speaking on the occasion of formally taking up office, it is learned that Herr Zeiss-Inquart said:

"Keep before your eyes the fact that the authoritarian state is derived from a stronger and more rigid union within the commonwealth.

"Don't forget that loyalty is the first virtue of the German man. A German executive has never failed, and never will fail.

"I expect every man to do his duty in the tradition of the German nation and the Austrian fatherland."—Reuter.

OATH OF OFFICE

Vienna, To-day.

President Miklas has administered the oath of office to the new Ministers and Secretaries of State.

Herr Zeiss-Inquart, the new Minister of Interior, is 45 years old and his political activities have always been in the direction of Austro-German accord.

He was leader of the Austro-German People's League and was entrusted with the task of Austro-

German reconciliation following the agreement of 1936.

PENSIONS RESTORED

All those sentenced for acts of a political nature before February 15 this year, have been set free.

The amnesty includes those who have not yet been brought before the court and those who are at present being tried.

Pensions and incomes cancelled for political prisoners will be restored.—Trans-Ocean.

DENIAL OF APPEAL TO POWERS

London, To-day.

An authoritative denial is published here of a report appearing in the "Evening Standard" to the effect that Dr. Schuschnigg, presented with an ultimatum by the German Government, had requested assistance from European Powers who informed the Chancellor that a diplomatic demarche would be undertaken in Berlin.

It is stressed that nothing is known of the matter in British official circles.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW SUBMARINES LAUNCHED

London, To-day.

Three submarines of two different classes were launched from the naval construction works of Vickers Armstrongs at Barrow yesterday. One was of the T. Class, Triumph, and others were of the U Class, Unity and Ursula.—British Wireless.

NEW CLERK OF WEATHER

London, To-day.

The appointment of a successor to Sir George Simpson, "Clerk of the Weather," who is retiring in September, is announced. The new Director of the Meteorological Office will be Mr. N. K. Johnson.

Mr. C. C. Woolley (Colonial Secretary) Jamaica, has been appointed Chief Secretary, Nigeria, succeeding Mr. Maybin, recently appointed Governor of Northern Rhodesia.—British Wireless.

ITALY APPROVES

Rome, To-day.

Nothing but approval is expressed in Italian newspapers at the developments in Austria.

The Hitler-Schuschnigg talks were an important contribution to European peace, says "Popolo d'Italia."—Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN PLAINLY HOLDS ALOOF

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary made a statement on Austria at Commons question time.

Mr. Eden said: "I understand the working of the Austro-German agreement of July, 1936, has for some time past been under consideration by the German and Austrian Governments. A meeting was eventually held at Berchtesgaden on Saturday last between the Austrian and German Chancellors and as a result a new agreement has been reached between the Austrian and German Governments. This new agreement has not yet been published but a communique was issued outlining what passed and the reorganisation of the Austrian Government has been announced in accordance, so I understand, with the undertakings reached at Berchtesgaden. There is reason to believe that other provisions of the agreement contain undertakings by both Governments on a variety of subjects but until the actual text of the agreement is published, I am not in a position to make any further statement. His Majesty's Government are, meanwhile, closely following developments."

BRITAIN'S DESIRE

The following supplementary questions and answers ensued.

Mr. Bellenger (Labour): Will the Foreign Secretary give assurance that the Government's policy as to the preservation of the independence of Austria remains as stated on the last occasion in the House? Mr. Eden: So far as I recollect what His Majesty's Government desired in Central Europe and elsewhere was peace and good understanding.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour): Do they stand by the joint declaration of 1934 to the effect that they reaffirm the interests of this country in the integrity and independence of Austria? Mr. Eden: I suppose he refers to the Stresa Declaration. That is quite true. That is the declaration of three Governments, Great Britain, France and Italy. Italy has not yet consulted His Majesty's Government in this matter.—British Wireless.

NO EXCITEMENT NEEDED

London, To-day.

The newspapers are still commenting on the changes in Austria. The "Evening Standard" and "Evening News" both say that British interests are not affected in any way.

"There is no reason to get excit-

UNPLEASANT SURPRISE FOR FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The general tone of French newspaper reaction to events in Austria indicates that the developments proved an unpleasant surprise to France.

The "Paris Midi" asserts that Austria was compelled to accept Germany's demands under military pressure.

The paper declares that France is unable to take any action without the support of Britain.

The developments are regarded by the paper as a "serious setback for the democratic countries."

SERIOUS SETBACK

The attitude of Italy, says the paper, indicates that the understanding between Italy and Germany is even more thorough than believed.

The paper appeals to France to cease internal strife so as to put France in a position to present a united front.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY QUIET

Berlin, To-day.

Official circles are maintaining close reticence on the visit to Germany of Herr Zeiss-Inquart.

However, it is obvious that measures to be taken by Austria following yesterday's developments will be the subject of his talks with German statesmen.

Messages from Vienna foreshadow more changes, especially in corporative and legislative bodies as well as in the administration of the Fatherland Front, now Austria's sole political organisation.

NO CHANGE

It is also reported from Vienna that the Federal Council will be summoned next to hear a statement by Chancellor Schuschnigg.

The Vienna papers say there is no change in Austrian foreign policy and no question of "Concessions."—Trans-Ocean.

ed, and our mischief makers in Parliament should therefore refrain from tabling interpellations which are only likely to cause resentment," says the "Evening Standard."

CABINET TALK

The paper says that "Austria is quite capable of deciding herself whether it is better for her to link up with Germany than to remain a buffer between Nazism in Germany and countries which are anxious to maintain the status quo."

The paper says that Austria formed the main subject of discussion at yesterday's weekly Cabinet meeting, when the Foreign Secretary delivered a report on the events.—Trans-Ocean.



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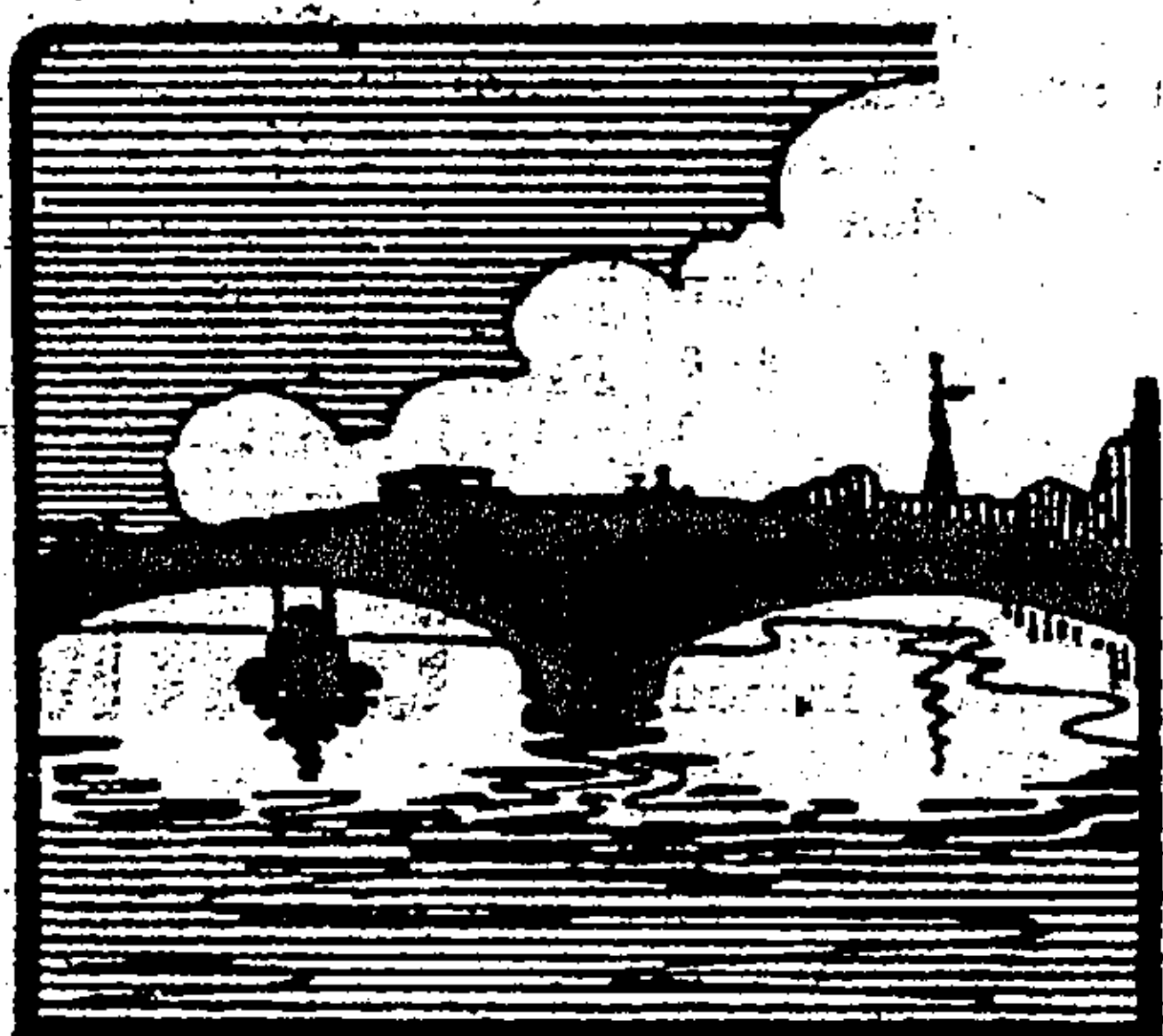
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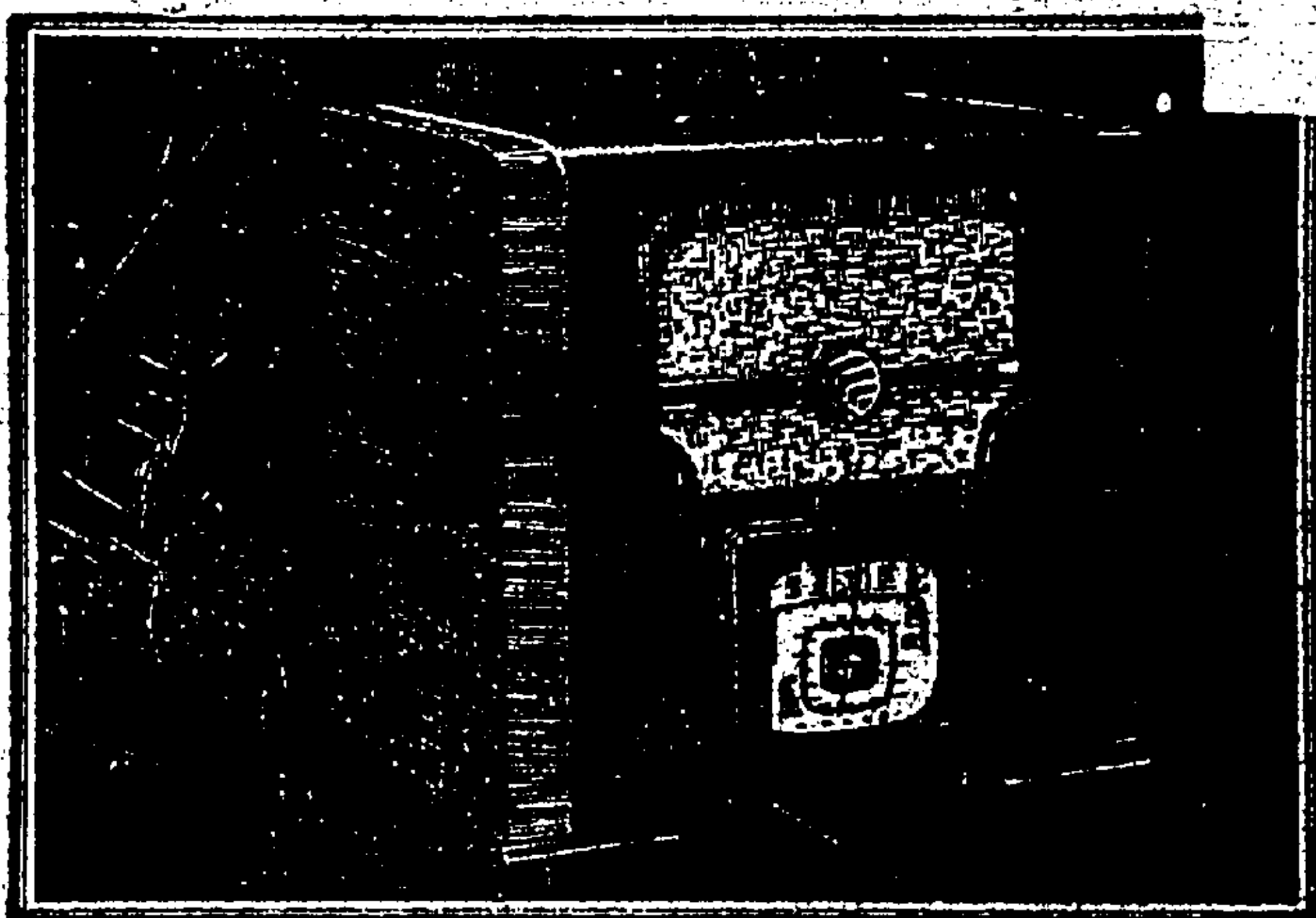
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SMALLPOX CONCEALMENT

While it is too early to place the figures in their true perspective, the disturbingly sharp increase in incidence of cases in the smallpox epidemic in the past two days definitely suggests that, far from having reached its peak, Hong Kong's worst outbreak for many years is likely to occasion even greater anxiety. The average number of cases had for about three weeks become more or less stabilised at approximately twenty daily. In the 24 hours ended at mid-night on Monday, 68 fresh cases were reported. On Tuesday, 40 further cases were registered—more than a hundred in two days. All sorts of reasons have been advanced for this sharp rise. The primary cause, however, is that which has maintained at the epidemic at a high level of incidence, namely, the failure of Chinese to notify coupled with the dumping of the dead bodies of victims in the streets. The record of street-discovered mortuary cases, proved victims of smallpox has been appalling high. The consequences are grave because not being known, infected premises are not decontaminated but are left to spread the disease from cubicle to cubicle and from tenement to tenement.

Quite obviously, this is a situation which confronts the Colony's health administration with the most serious problem it has to face in its efforts to combat the epidemic; and the root causes cannot be too closely studied. There is more than one Chinese objection to notification. One of them is distrust of Western methods of treatment. Another, which is stronger, and is generally assumed to be the strongest, is the reluctance of relatives to appreciate the purpose and importance of isolation, together with the fact that the Isolation Hospital is not pleasantly described when a Chinese makes reference to the institution at Kennedy Town. There is, however, a third objection, which we have been assured is the primary cause of unwillingness to notify, and that is the Sanitary Department's insistence upon fumigation of premises in which a case has occurred. If the objection were to fumigation as such, it would have to be disregarded just as the objection to

isolation must be disregarded, but we are also assured, by competent authorities, that the real complaint of Hong Kong's poor, among whom the disease is rife, is against the methods employed in fumigation. Accusations are made against sanitary coolies: including accusations of petty thieving, but principally of a complete disregard of the feelings of owners of a few small belongings, (valueless but all they have in the world) of a carelessness in handling or of wilful destruction. If the facts are as stated, here is a case for education, not of the people whose duty it is to notify, but of Government employees. Education may in the course of time produce where most needed a better understanding of the merits of Western medicine and of the inevitability of isolation for the common good, but unless a remedy is provided for the third point of resistance, concealments and intensifications of epidemics by reason of concealments will continue. In short, unless Government reveals an alert purpose to understand the mental processes which lead to concealment and to meet the problem where it can be met, they will be defeated at the outset in all endeavours to eradicate disease, which will pursue its tragic natural course.

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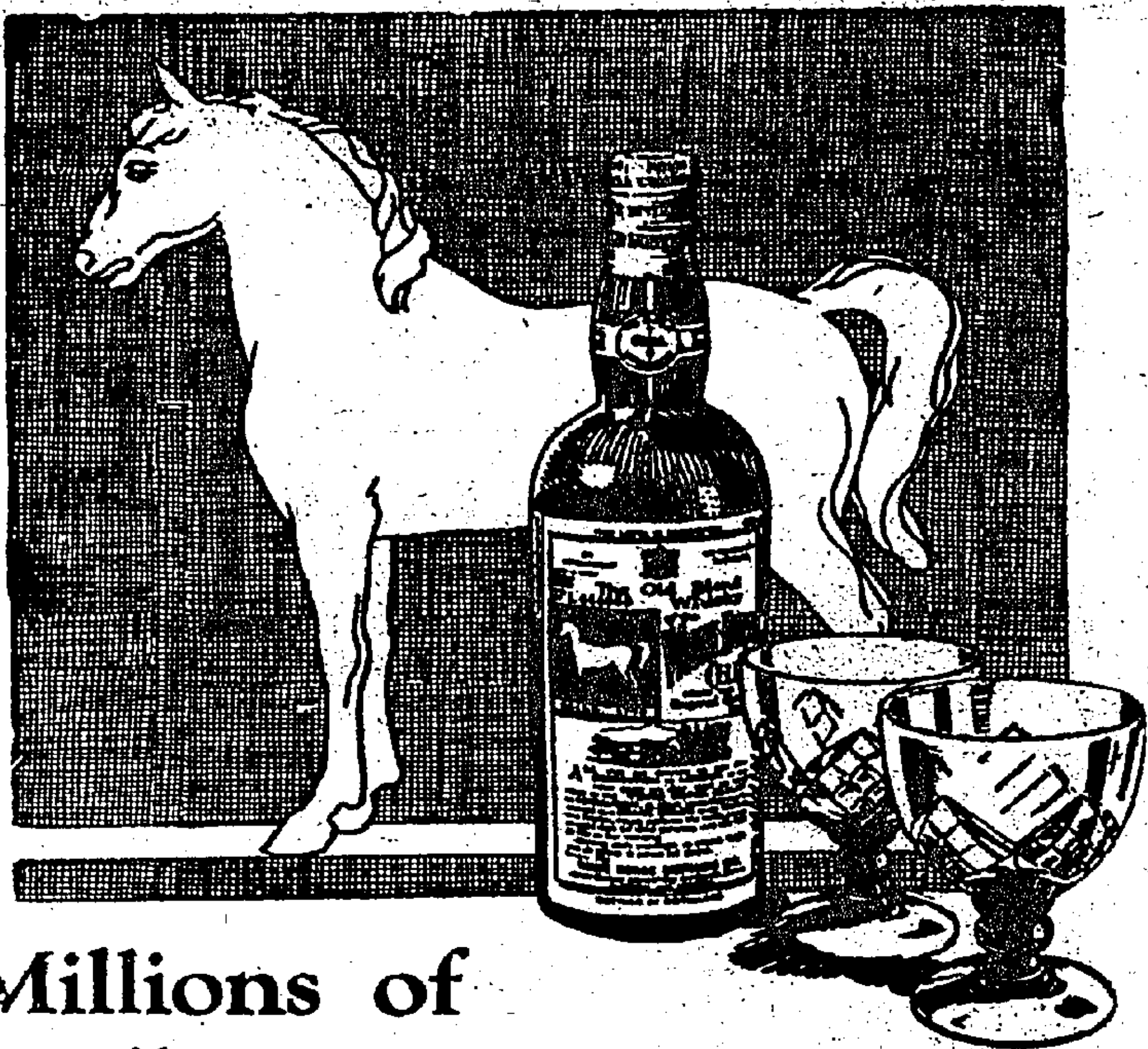
Manuscripts and Typescripts

Among the greater treasures in the Dickens House in London, which has just been reopened to the public, is a single page of the manuscript of "Pick-wick." It is the more valuable because only forty-four of the remaining pages are known to be in existence.

The loss of the others must be a matter of regret to all students of Dickens; for an original manuscript is fascinating as a relic that has been in intimate contact with the author, and has always some sidelights to throw upon his character, methods, and train of thought. His handwriting has something to tell the experts, we may deduce pauses for thought and rushes of inspiration, and his corrections are particularly illuminating. He may even be, to use a new arrival in the language, a "doodler," and reveal unsuspected artistic talent in the margin!

To-day, the typewriter has, with many authors, taken the place of the pen; and one wonders whether this will not considerably decrease the interest of their original scripts, even in the matter of corrections. Retracing one's steps to make alterations on the typewriter is a laborious business: it may be effectively done, subsequently, it is true, with a pen—but, in spite of this, is not the result to make writers think twice before they tap the keys?

If so, those first careless raptures, once so easily disciplined by a stroke of the pen, will no longer be even faintly visible—or at least, far less often. In the case of those with whom first thoughts are good enough, we shall not, however, lose much. Here, in fact, there may even be a gain. For typewriting has not the friendliness, the softening effect, of familiar handwriting, and occasionally, confronted by its bold and impersonal presentment, an impulsive author may be startled into desirable second thoughts.



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JAPAN TO TRY NEW METHODS IN CHINA

Tokyo, To-day.

With the aim of giving the Chinese people an "object lesson of Japanese goodwill towards the civilian population," the Government intends to appropriate funds for relief of Chinese non-combatants, the Foreign Minister revealed in the Upper House of the Diet yesterday.

In making the announcement, the Minister said he concurred with Baron Ohkura that relief work in China would be best to help the Chinese people realise the Japanese stand in the current incident.

Replying to Baron Ohkura's in-

terpellation, the Foreign Minister said the Foreign Office intended to complement cultural and other activities already carried on in China.

The Japanese military authorities in China were already doing useful work, mainly in restoring peace and order, and the Foreign Office was seeking the co-operation of private organisations in assisting in rehabilitation of areas devastated by the conflict.—Reuter.

CLOUDY GENERALLY

The Royal Observatory reports that an anticyclone has developed over North China and pressure is highest to the north of the Yangtze Valley. The depression of the Eastern Sea is crossing Japan on a north east track and has increased considerably in intensity.

Local forecast:—N. and N. E. winds, fresh; cloudy generally.

CHEAPER BRITISH NEWS Propaganda Debate In House Of Commons

London, To-day.

Attention was drawn in the House of Commons yesterday to the supply of British news abroad by Mr. J. Lees-Jones (Conservative, Blackley), who moved a resolution urging the Government to give the full weight of moral and financial support to schemes to further wider and more effective presentation of British news, views and culture abroad.

The mover argued that world conditions had changed owing to replacement of democratic government by dictatorships, creation of ministries of propaganda, and subsidised and controlled news services, which entirely suppress British views or pervert its meaning to give entirely erroneous views of Britons.

Lt.-Com. R. T. H. Fletcher (Opposition Labour, Nuneaton), urged that in order to compete with foreign news agencies, British agencies would have to have access to cheap radio transmission, or cheap cable rates comparable to charges for radio transmission which other countries enjoyed.

New services operating in the Far East at this moment could not possibly compete if they were not subsidised, and some of them were deliberately used to damage British interests in the Far East.

REUTER'S REPUTATION

Lt.-Com. Fletcher added that it was only Reuter's reputation for reliability, impartiality and political and financial independence, which prevented the final disappearance of British handled news from the Far East.

They could not go on indefinitely, and if British news was not to be ousted from the Far East, we must find a way of sending their services just as comprehensively and cheaply as other foreign services.

Earl Winterton, speaking for the Government, said that the House should bear in mind the very proper limitations imposed by our democratic constitution, which prevented anything like a censorship of news, and the traditional reputation for fairness and moderation in statement which has always been the bulwark of British prestige abroad.

Dealing with the question of telegraphed news from this country was subjected to increasing competition from big foreign telegraph agen-

cies, Earl Winterton said the question would receive the consideration of the Cabinet Committee dealing with the matter.

Broadly speaking, the object of the committee was to consider the supply of British news telegraphed abroad.

TWO OR THREE MONTHS

The committee was not likely to complete its labours for two or three months.

It was difficult, until the committee had made its Report, to say anything further on the subject.

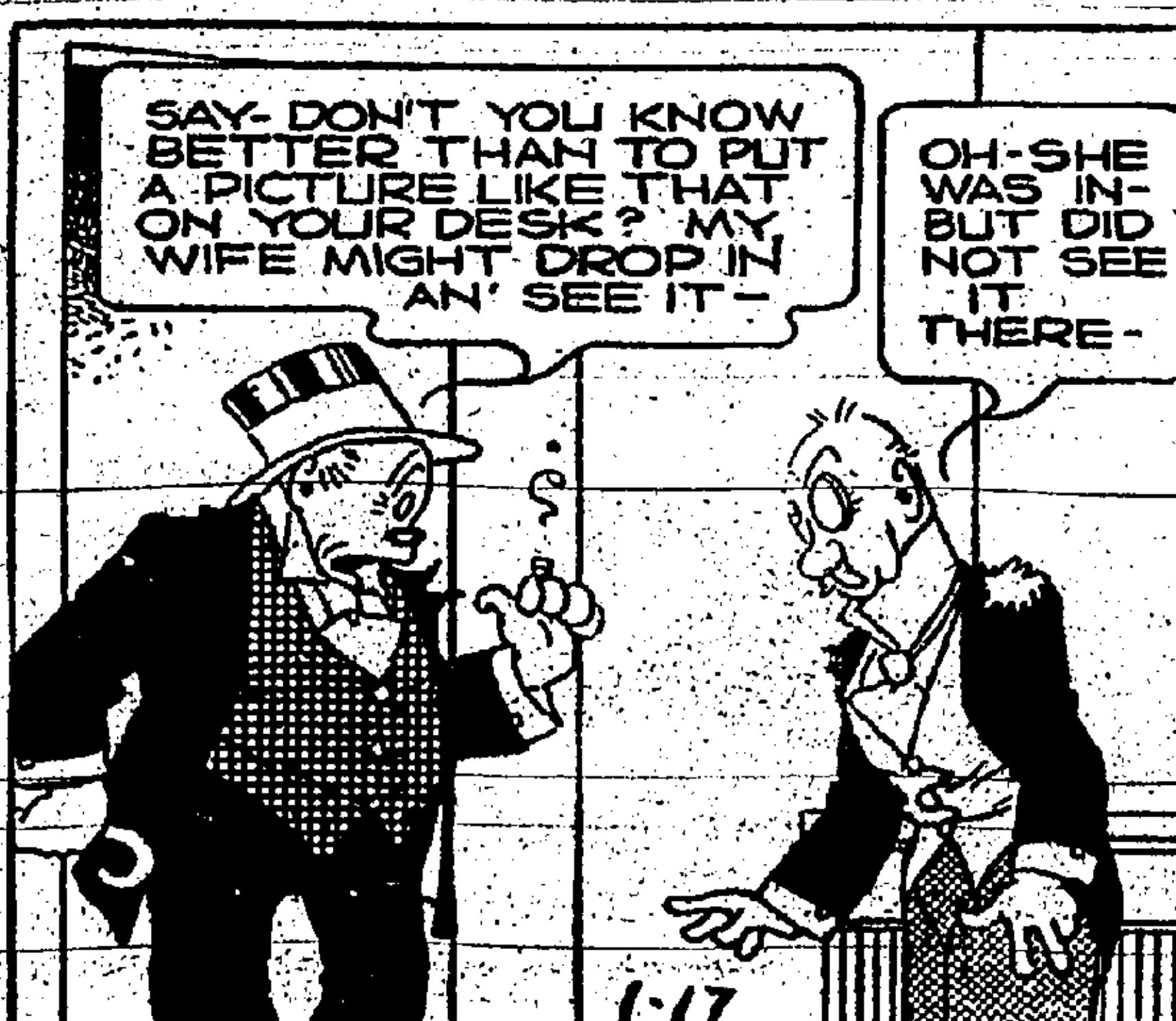
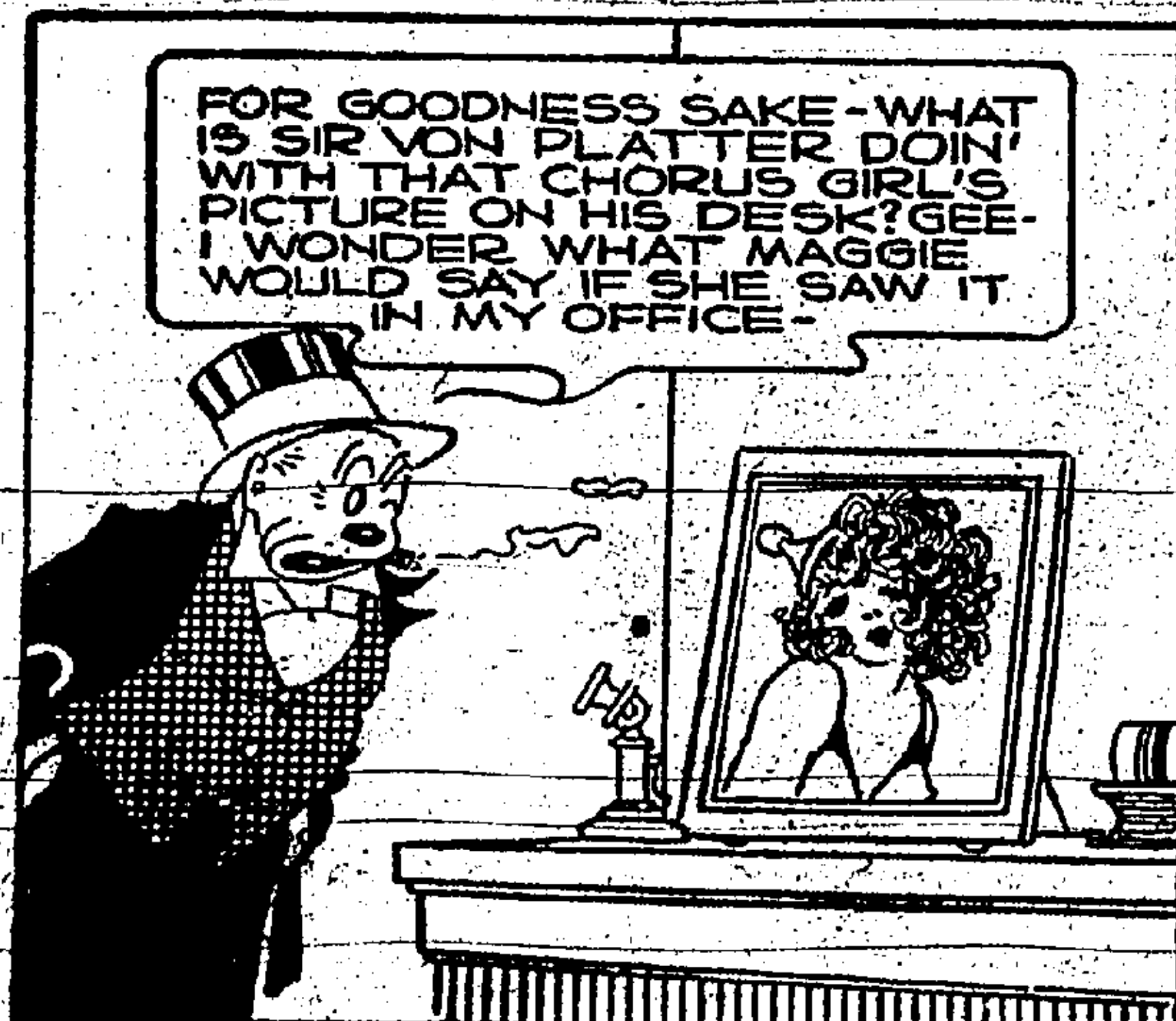
Replying to criticisms abroad regarding establishment of the Vansittart Committee, Earl Winterton assured the House that the object was to instruct this country not to hide its light under a bushel.

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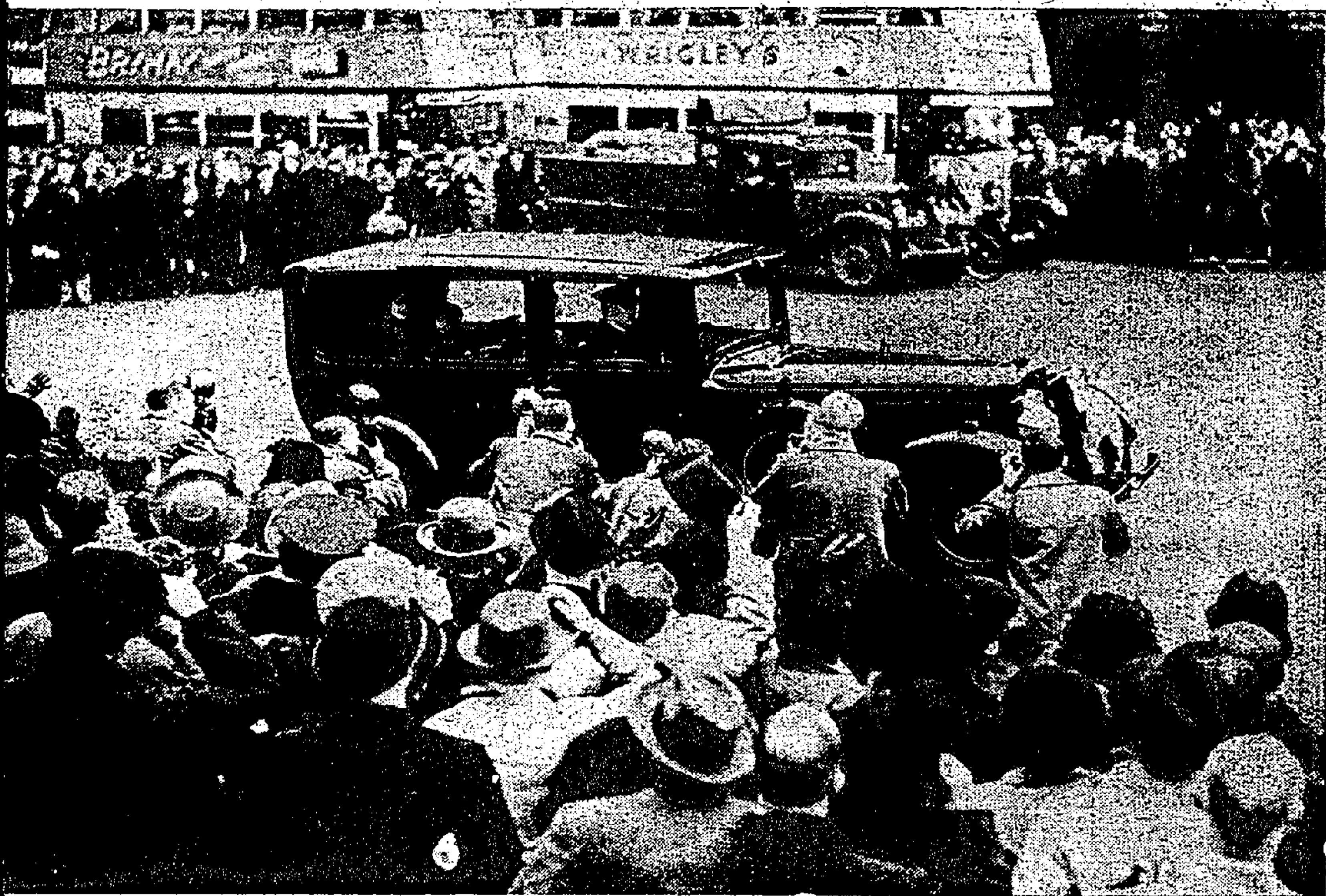
Mr. Lees-Jones' motion was amended and carried unanimously in the following terms:

"That, having regard to the increasing activities of certain foreign governments in the field of propaganda, political and cultural, by means of press, broadcasting and films, this House, being of the opinion that the evil effects of state propaganda of a tendentious or misleading character, can best be countered not by retaliation but by widespread dissemination of straight forward information and news based on an enlightened and honest public policy, urges the Government to give the full weight of its moral and financial support to schemes to further wider and more effective presentation of news and views and culture abroad." — Reuter.

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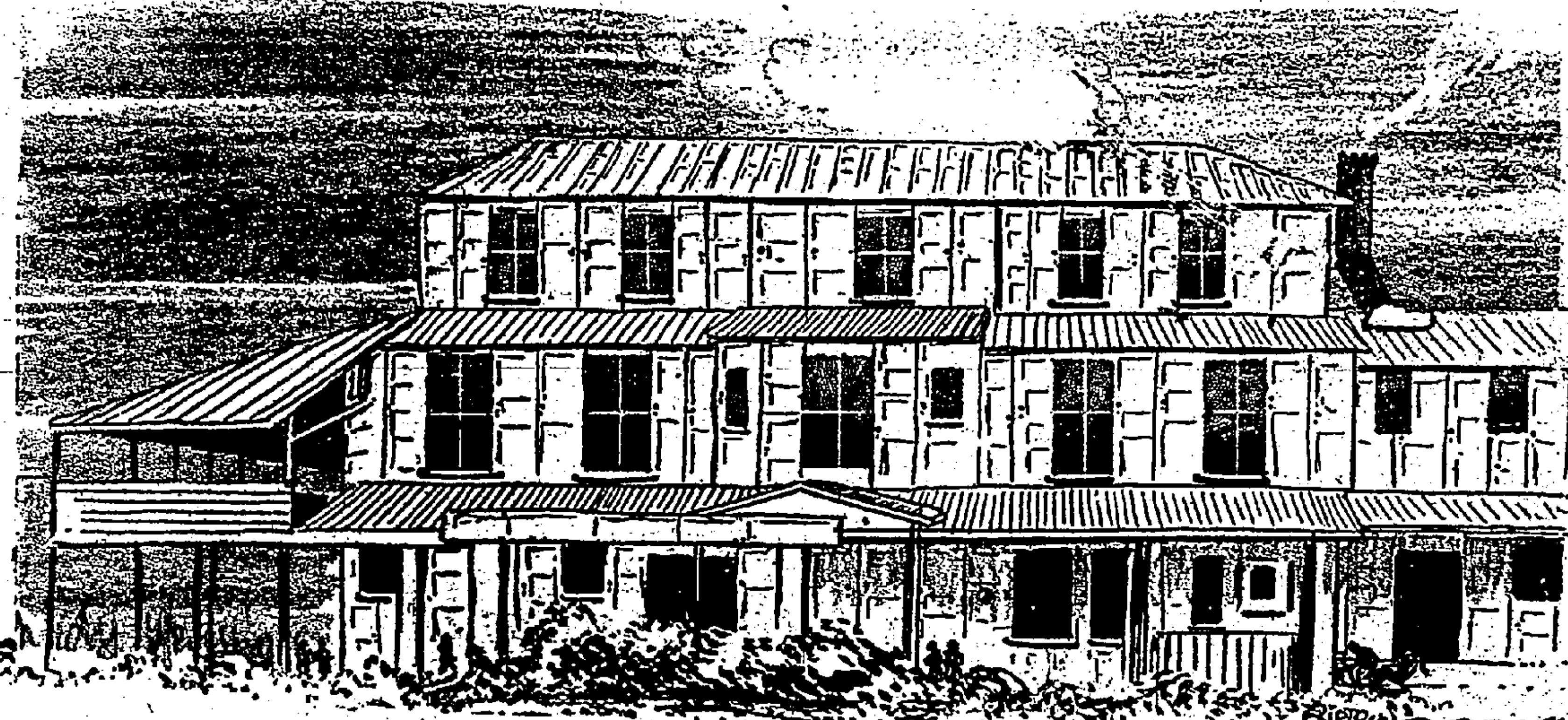
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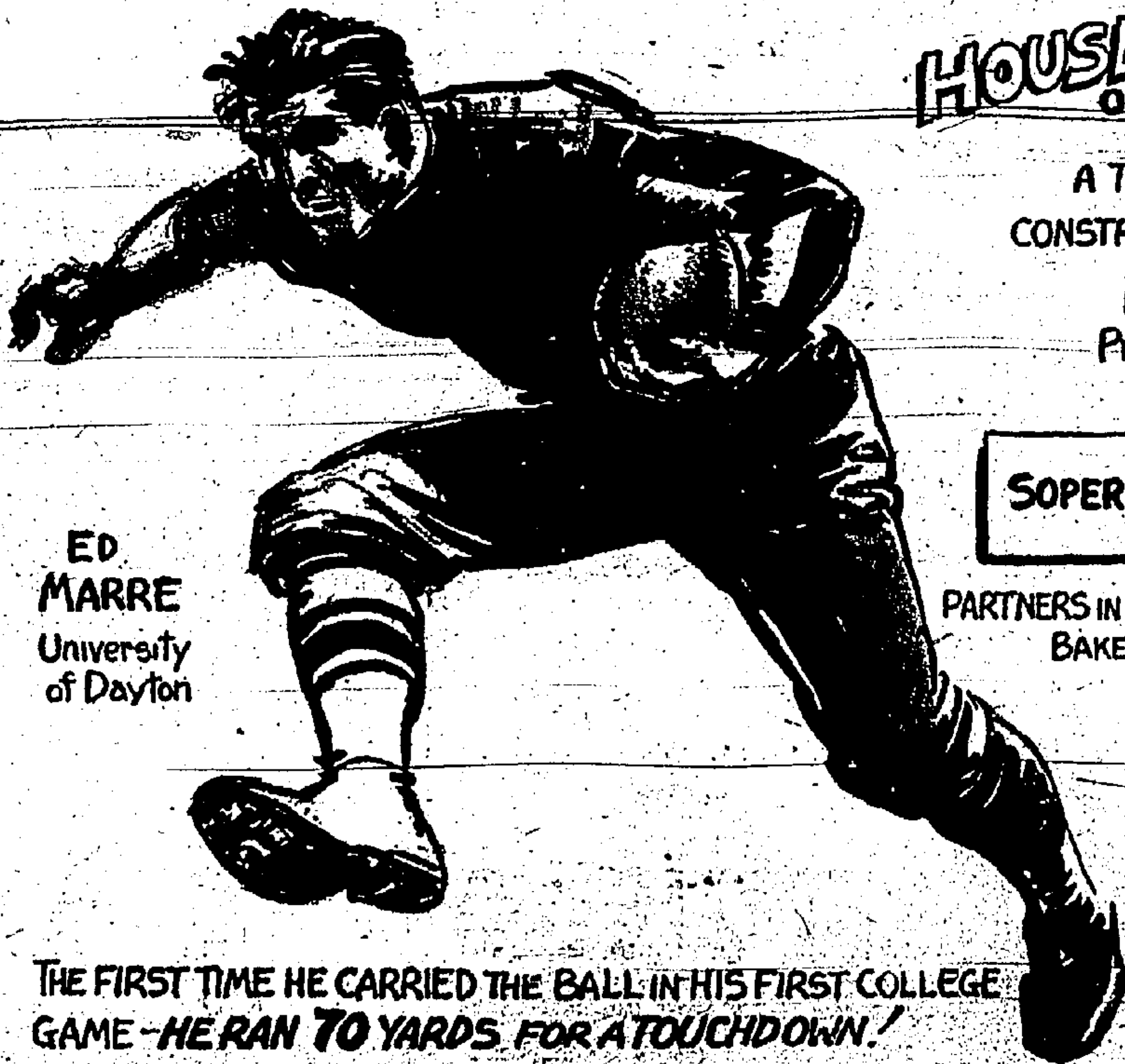
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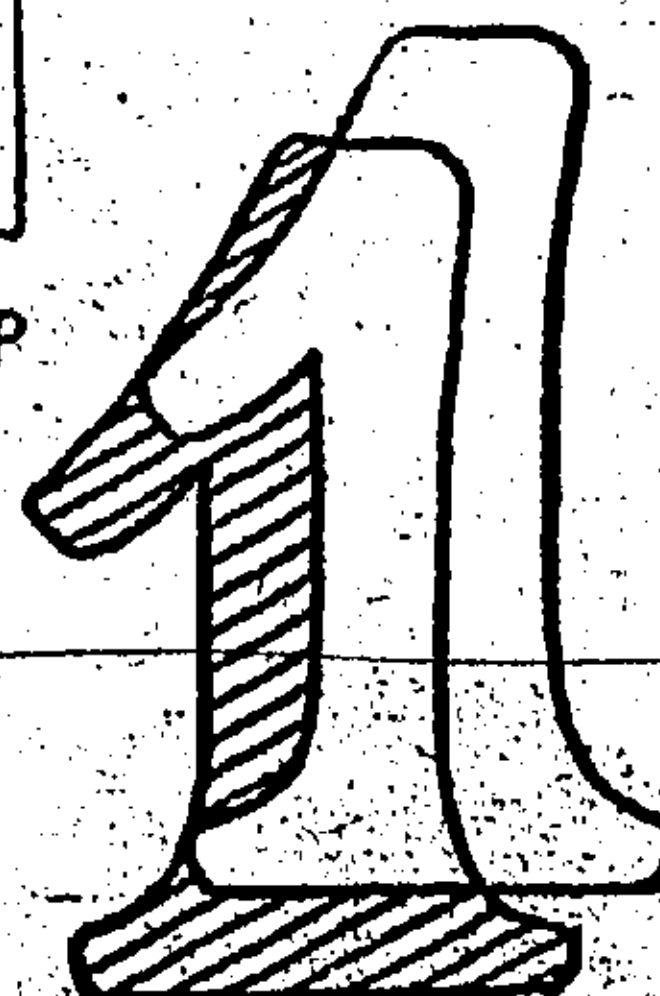
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*BANGALORE	6,000	26th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam, & Antwerp.
NALDERA	16,000	2nd Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	16th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
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Straits	Bangalore	February 17.
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Japan	Delagoa Matu	February 20.
Straits	Jeypore	February 20.
Bangkok and Swatow	Yingchow	February 20.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 12th Feb.	Imperial Airways Plane	Feb. 21.
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	Ord.,	Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Feb. 18, 6 a.m.
	Ord.,	Feb. 18, 6 a.m.
Sandakan	Himsang	Feb. 18, 8.30 a.m.
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Shanghai and Japan	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Feb. 18, 9.00 a.m.
Swatow	Reg.,	Feb. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th March.	Ord.,	Feb. 18, 9.30 a.m.
	Kaisar-I-Hind	Feb. 18, 10.30 a.m.
	Haitan	Feb. 18, 3.00 p.m.
	Carthage	Fri., Feb. 18.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Feb. 18, 5.00 p.m.
	Par.,	Feb. 19, 9.45 a.m.
	Reg.,	Feb. 19, 10.30 a.m.
	Ord.,	Feb. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 27th February.	Saturday Carthage	Sat., Feb. 19.
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Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples, 12th March.	Victoria	Sat., Feb. 19.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Feb. 19, 3.45 p.m.
	Reg.,	Feb. 19, 4.30 p.m.
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Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 28th February.	Imperial Airways Plane	Sat., Feb. 19.
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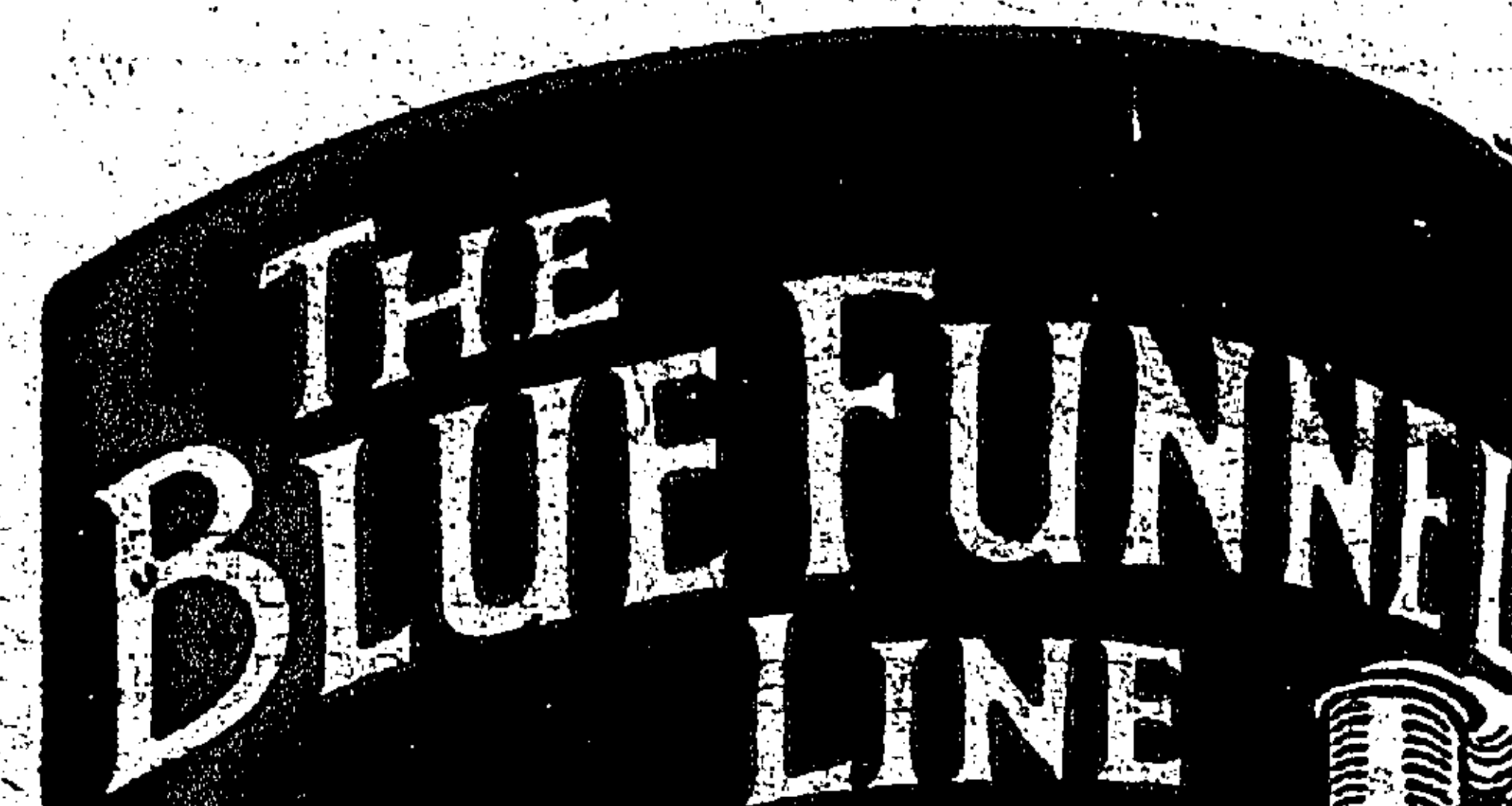
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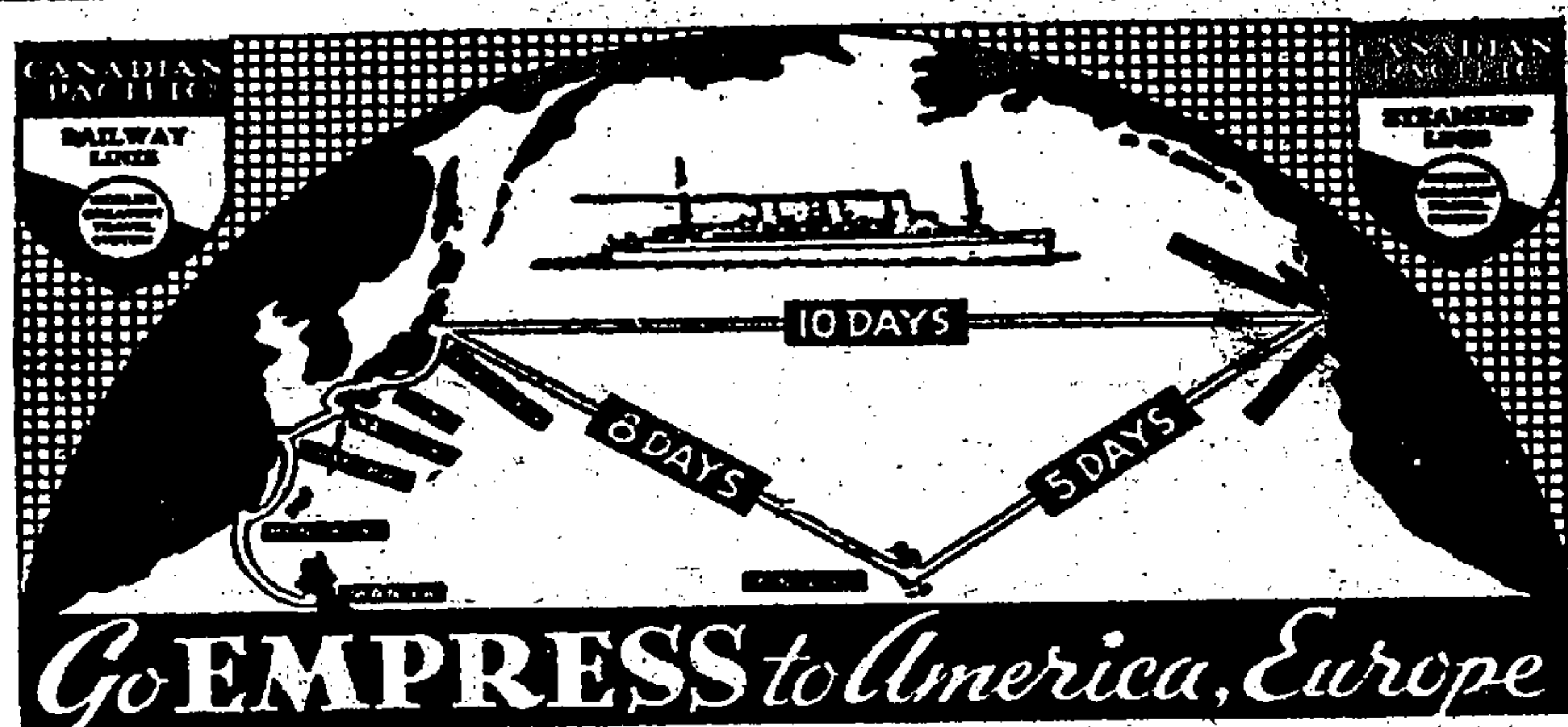
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NUTRITION STUDIES IN THE COLONIES

London, To-day.

Interesting details of the progress in the Colonial Empire of the study of nutritional problems affecting those areas was given in a Commons answer.

Mr. Ormsby Gore said that a circular despatch to all Colonial dependencies of April, 1936, aroused great interest in the subject of nutrition throughout the Colonial Empire and not least in the West Indies. He had received copies of Reports by special committees set up in Trinidad, Jamaica, Barbados, and British Guiana. A lengthy and informative report from British Honduras had just been received and would be published shortly.

In addition, many useful memoranda had been sent in from the smaller islands, notably St. Vincent. All these papers had been laid before the expert committee of the Economy Advisory Council which had been appointed to advise on nutrition matters in the colonial empire and he understood the committee was preparing a summary of all the replies from the Colonial dependencies for publication with a covering report.

Meanwhile, practical steps are being taken in the West Indies, as elsewhere, to improve nutrition by increased attention to infant welfare and the feeding of school children, by the teaching of domestic science, by encouraging the growth of green vegetables etc.

The Legislature of Barbados, for instance, had recently authorised the expenditure of \$4,500 to inaugurate a new scheme for the provision of milk to school children.—British Wireless.

ANGLO-AMERICAN TRADE TALKS

Washington, To-day.

Trade negotiations between Britain and the United States, which will begin as soon as the experts who are assisting the British Ambassador in Washington in the conversations, arrive in Washington, are expected to be completed by late Spring.

The British delegation, which

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1510 b., c.d. \$1510 sa., c.d.

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$505 sa.
China Underwriters \$140 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$60 b.
Union Waterboats \$9.80 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

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Antamoks Ps. .65 sa.
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I. X. L. Ps. .76 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .28 sa.
San Mauricio Ps. .73 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .22 sa.
United Paracales Ps. .56 sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. K. and S. Hotels \$6¼ b., \$6¼ sa.
H. K. Realities \$5.10/5.20 sa.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways \$15¼ s.
Peak Trams (Old) \$8¼ b.
Peak Trams (New) \$3¼ s.
Yammat-Ferries \$25¼ b.
China Lights (Old) \$10.70 b.
China Lights (New) \$7.45 b.
H. K. Electrics \$56 b., \$56¼ sa.
Macao Electrics \$19¼ s.
Telephones (Old) \$25¼ s.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$14.30 b.
H. K. Ropes \$4¼ b.

STORES, &C.

Dairy Farms \$25¼ sa.
Watsons \$5¼ b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$6¼ b.
Constructions \$1¼ b.
H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 2½% pm. b.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 5/- b.

HONG KONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY

Subject to Audit, the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account at the 31st December, 1937, amounted to \$112,766.48, which the Directors, at the forthcoming Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company to be held on Wednesday, March 23, 1938, will recommend allocating as follows:—

To Pay a dividend of 25 cents per share on 200,000 shares absorbing	\$50,000.00
To carry forward to 1938 Account	62,766.48
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sailed from Southampton yesterday, includes representatives of the Dominions Office, the Department of Fisheries and Agriculture and other departments affected by the negotiations.—Reuter.



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s.s. "Conte Verde"	5th Mar.
s.s. "Conte Biancamano"	20th Mar.
s.s. "Conte Rosso"	3rd Apr.

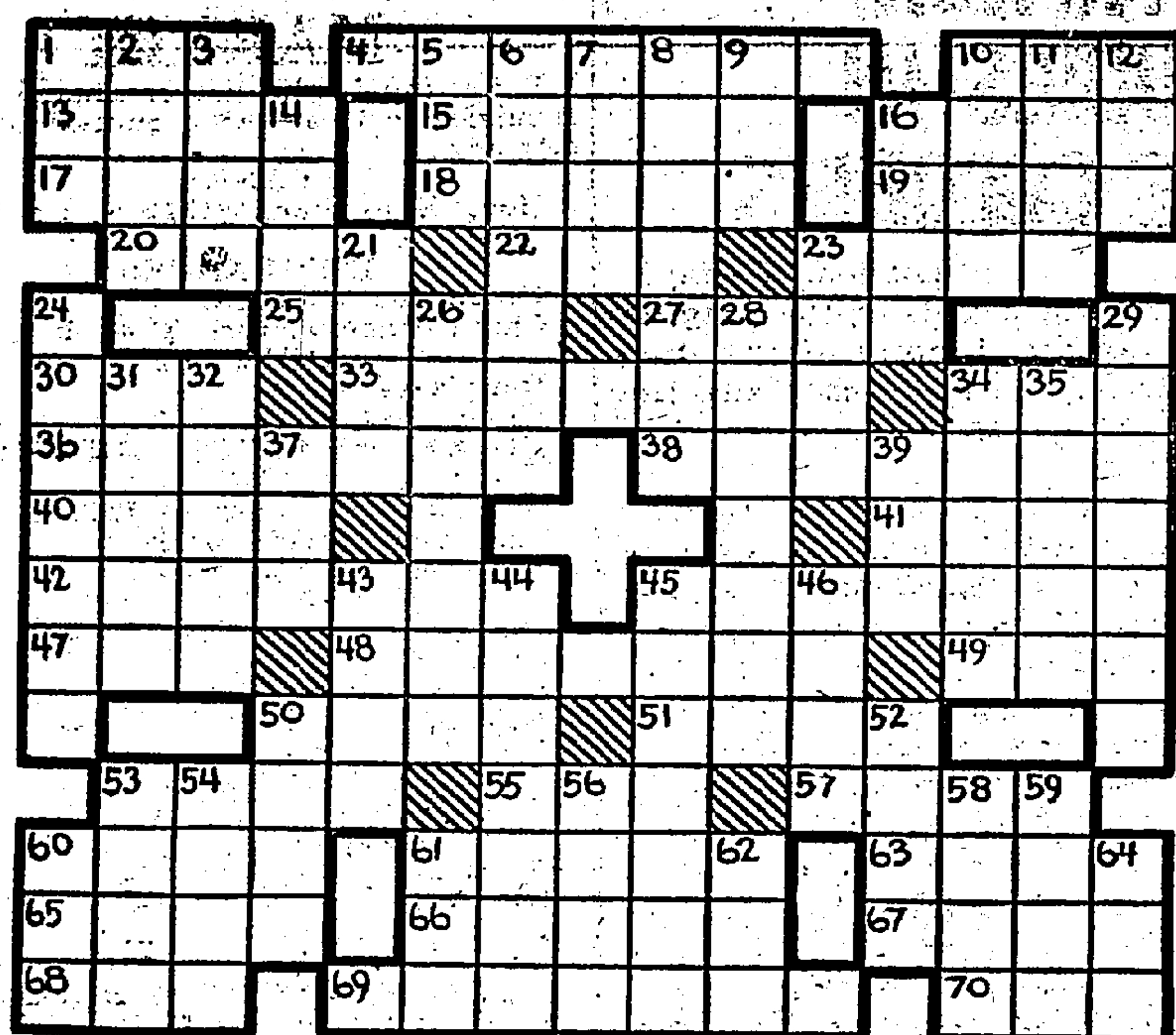
HONG KONG TO SHANGHAI

m.v. "Victoria"	11th Feb.
s.s. "Conte Verde"	25th Feb.
s.s. "C. Biancamano"	12th Mar.
s.s. "Conte Rosso"	26th Mar.

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CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



HORIZONTAL
 1-Room abroad
 4-Moved rapidly
 10-Mineral spring
 13-Press
 15-Puts up stakes
 16-Imitates
 17-An emperor of Rome
 18-Map out
 19-A rodent (pl.)
 20-Dips
 22-The whole
 23-Strikes
 25-Male deer
 27-A continent
 30-Bustle
 33-Foes
 34-Meridian (abbr.)
 36-Rumors
 38-Large
 40-Frozen
 41-On the ocean
 42-Slower
 45-Advertising sheets
 47-The armpit
 48-Emblem of Neptune
 49-A grain
 50-Smaller
 51-Russian title
 53-Paper measure
 55-Pail for packing

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
 57-Seed capsule
 60-Tore
 61-The end (Lat.)
 63-Sediment
 65-Military assistant
 66-Readjust
 67-Load
 68-A naval title (abbr.)
 69-Deplet
 70-Kitchen utensil

VERTICAL
 1-Alcoholic beverage
 2-Greek god of war
 3-Girl's name
 5-Small lump of butter
 6-Exasperates
 7-And others (Lat. abbr.)
 8-Recite
 9-A compass point (abbr.)
 10-Short gaiter
 11-Fondles
 12-Farm animal
 14-Square blocks of wood
 16-Melody

VERTICAL (Cont.)
 21-Sterling (abbr.)
 23-Expression of contempt
 24-Pertaining to marriage
 26-Horns
 28-Flavors
 29-Wrinkles
 31-Decalogue (abbr.)
 32-Musical drama
 34-One who hoards
 35-Each
 37-Uneven
 39-Rested
 43-Entry in an account
 44-More hazardous
 45-More trifling
 46-Pierce
 50-Tardy
 52-Revolve
 53-Check
 54-Finishes
 56-Instant (abbr.)
 58-Jump
 59-Wife of Tyndareus (Gr. Myth.)
 60-A roe (Scot.)
 62-Away from
 63-Station (abbr.)
 64-Japanese coin

FLAG DAY APPEAL

Sir,—May I ask that through the columns of the "China Mail" you will kindly bring to public notice an appeal on behalf of the Ministering League.

On Saturday next, February 19th, the League is holding a flag day, and I do beg everyone most sincerely to be generous to this old and most deserving charity, which assists, for the most part, the less well known charities, both Chinese and non Chinese.

Among its obligations the League is pledged to maintain two cots in the home at Ottershaw, and a cot in the Nethersole Hospital here. Last year's funds were allocated to the Nethersole Hospital Cot, Hong Kong Benevolent Society, Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children, Blind Home at Pokfulam, Victoria Home & Orphanage, Sailors' & Soldiers' Home, C.M.S. School Fund, Garrison Ladies' Help Society, Kowloon, Chinese Y.W.C.A. (Baby Clinic and Factory Girls' Club), St. John's Ambulance, Little Sisters of the Poor, Canossian Orphanage, Shau-kiwan, Hong Kong School for the Deaf and Dumb—a total of \$8,920.

I know the generous response Hong Kong made to the appeal on February 12th for War Relief in China. It may seem unkind to make another appeal

so soon, but the Ministering League's arrangements were already made before the former appeal was launched. I feel the League need offer no apology for asking all to contribute freely to this, its annual collection.

Emblems will be on sale from 8.00 a.m. till noon. Sellers have been asked to refrain from going into business offices.

MARY KONG,

President of the Ministering League.

TAILOR COULD NOT USE HIS HANDS

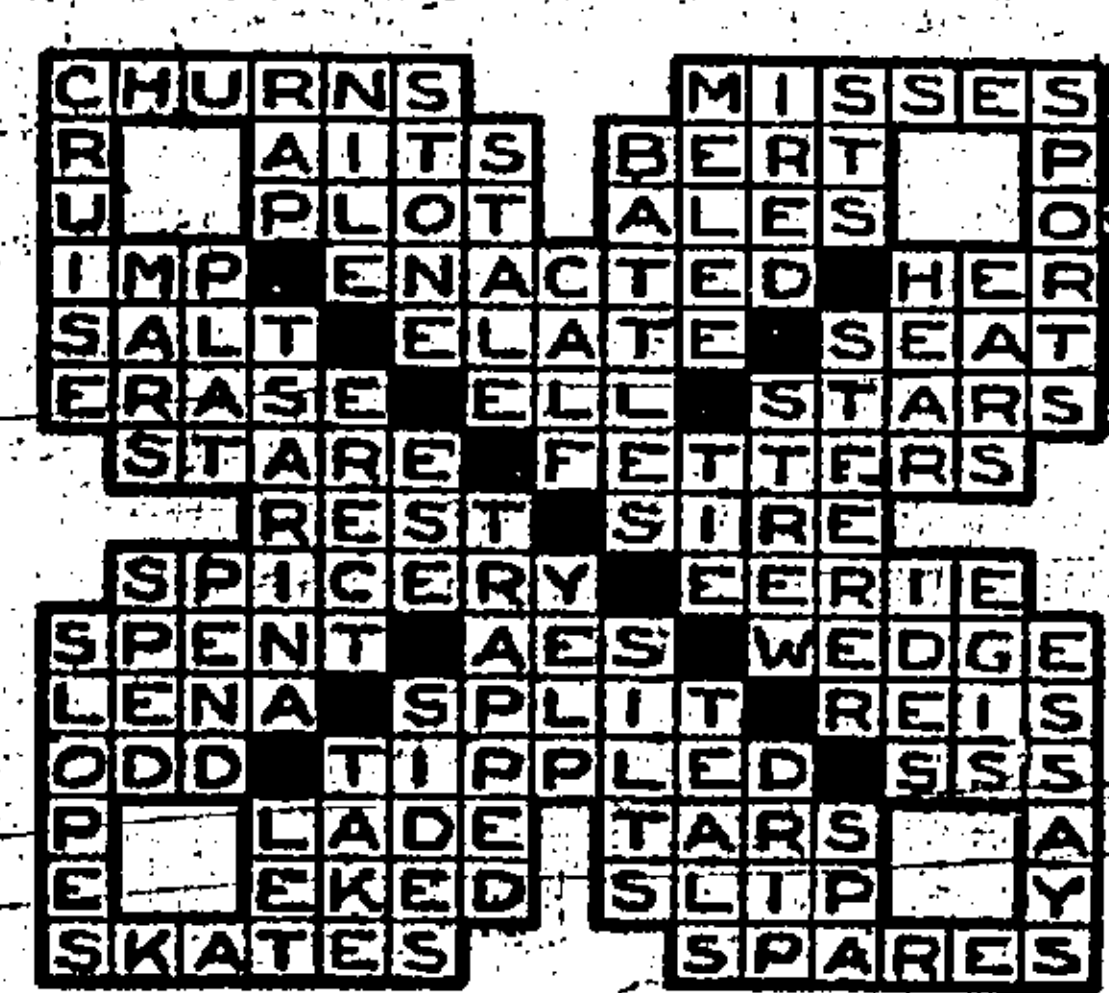
Now Back at Work After Taking Kruschen

To have rheumatism in the legs is bad enough, but this man, a tailor, had it in his hands too, and, therefore, could not earn his living. But he is fit now, and back at work. His letter tells you about the remedy he discovered:—

"I suffered from rheumatism for eighteen months, with four months in hospital, and I was very little better when discharged. I had it very badly in the legs and hands and could not get the swelling out of my hands. As I am a tailor by trade, my hands are an important part of me. A friend of mine who has been cured by Kruschen Salts, bought me a bottle, and the pain and most of the swelling went away after taking them for three weeks. I have now been taking them for three months, and I am pleased to say that I am able to use my hands and am back at work."—H.O.

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Chief Manager

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/27s.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20 and forward at 19-11/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$5.0365 and the New York on London rate at \$—U.S.\$5.03. 3/4

The United Kingdom delegation to assist the British Ambassador in the negotiation of the Anglo-American trade agreement sailed in the Queen Mary from Southampton last evening. British Wireless.

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Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

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Y. KANO,

Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th September, 1937.

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THE SPOILS UPSETS FEATURE F.A. AND SCOTTISH CUP REPLAYS

WOLVES DROP VALUABLE LEAGUE POINTS TO HUDDERSFIELD

London, To-day.

Aston Villa, who are making a great bid for promotion to the First Division, were featured in a F.A. Cup Fifth Round Replay, with Charlton, yesterday, and again shared the spoils, even after extra time had been played.

The Spurs entered the Sixth Round of the Cup, at the expense of Chesterfield, by the odd goal in three, after sharing four goals last Saturday.

Three Scottish Cup Second Round replays were also featured yesterday, Motherwell trouncing Stenhousemuir by 6 goals to 1, after sharing two goals last Saturday, while St. Bernard's caused an upset by securing an odd goal away victory, over King's Park, after also sharing two goals last Saturday.

There were several sensational upsets in the First Division League matches held yesterday, Liverpool beating Everton, in an away encounter, by 3 goals to 1, while the Wolves suffered an unexpected setback at home, losing to Huddersfield by 4 goals to 1. Arsenal also won an away encounter, beating Manchester City, while Preston fell at home to Middlesborough.

The following were the results of yesterday's games, as cabled by Reuter:

FIFTH ROUND F. A. CUP (REPLAY)			
Tottenham	2	Chesterfield	1
*Aston Villa	2	Charlton	2

SCOTTISH CUP (SECOND ROUND)			
Ayr	2	Queen's Park	1
Motherwell	6	St. Housemuir	1
King's Park	3	St. Bernard's	4

FIRST DIVISION			
Everton	1	Liverpool	3
Manchester C.	1	Arsenal	2
Wolves	1	Huddersfield	4
Preston	0	Middlesboro	2
Sunderland	1	Brentford	0

SECOND DIVISION			
Bury	3	Luton	4
Bradford	1	Fulham	2

—Reuter.

SCOTTISH CUP THIRD ROUND REVISED DRAW

The following is the revised draw for the Third Round of the Scottish F. A. Cup Competition, which will be played on March 5.

Celtic v. Kilmarnock.
Morton v. Ayr.
East Fife v. Aberdeen.
Partick v. Raith.
Falkirk v. Albion.
Motherwell v. Hamilton.
Rangers and St. Bernard's or King's Park have received byes into the fourth round.

—Reuter.

GRAND NATIONAL PROBABLE STARTERS

London, To-day.

The following are the probable starters for the Grand National to be run at Aintree on March 5:—

Royal Mail (Thomas),
Airgeadsios (McNeill),
Drimmoreland (Williams),
Coolen (Fawcus),
Pontet (Parkinson),
Battleship (Burford),
Royal Danelli (Moore),
Dominicks Cross (Everett),
Loyal Prince (Caray),
Davy Jones (Mildmay),
Dunhill Castle (Nicholson),
Care Free (Redmond),
Invisible (Hogan),
Red Freeman (Elder),
Delachance (Walwyn),
De Slys (Archibald),
Takvorpaena (Kalley),
Don Bradman (Marsh),
Dammur (Maxwell),
Provocative (Scratchley),
What Have You (Street),
Puckabelle (Bayley),
Lough Cottage (Black),
Bachelor Prince (Morgan),
Frobisher (Holland),
Blue Prince (Parvir),
Pompier (Dissill),
Rockland (Wilson),
Santa Luz (Petre),
Hopeful Hero (Dawes),
Under Bid (Pringle),
Flying Minutes (Hobbs),
Brighter Cottage (O'Grady),
Didoric (Brown),
St. Aldridge Park (Jones),
Blue Shirt (Smyth),
Hurdy-Gurdyman (Strutt),
Toptoi (Hartigan),
K. D. H. (Gordon),
Red Knight the Second (Jones),
Lazy Boots (Hislop),
West Kent (Heyworth),
Drim (Tighe),
Tapionois,
Tapionois, Pencraik and Emancipator have no jockeys to date.

—Reuter.

F.A. CUP SIXTH ROUND REVISED DRAW

The following is the revised draw for the Sixth Round of the F. A. Cup Competition, which will be held on Saturday, March 5:

Tottenham	v.	Sunderland
Charlton	or	
Aston Villa	v.	Manchester C.
Brentford	v.	Preston
York	v.	Huddersfield



Members of the Islington Corinthian soccer team and their Secretary-Manager, Mr. Tom Smith (centre, with glasses), receiving souvenirs of the visit from Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, General Manager of the South China Athletic Association, on board the Aramis yesterday. Clark, the skipper of the Corinthians, is behind Mr. Smith, looking over his right shoulder. ("Mail" photo).

BADMINTON TOURNEY OPENS AT RECREIO

"B" DIVISION PLAYERS IN THE LIMELIGHT

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH the standard displayed in the opening matches of the Colony Badminton Championships, played at the Recreio last night, never reached very inspiring heights, play was, nevertheless, interesting and the large crowd which had gathered were treated to some keen exchanges.

Junior Division players were featured in all games last night and in all cases gave a good account of themselves against some of the most experienced players in the Colony.

A. L. Fisher, of Free Lances, gave a great display against S. Y. Hon, and ran him very close in two games, the second of which he may very easily have won, while N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan, of Kowloon Tong, might have provided a first-class sensation against the University "A" second string, C. O. Lee and C. K. Lee, if they had been equipped with winning strokes overhead.

The programme started with a single between John Chen, of Kowloon Tong and St. Teresa's, and his doubles partner, Francis Tsang. Chen settled down rapidly and by means of powerful smashing, alternated with cleverly disguised drops shots, took a commanding lead in the early stages.

Tsang appeared to be worried by the lighting and was quite unable to make telling returns, even when he got into position. He had the better stamina of the two, however, and hung on tenaciously to eventually overhaul his opponent and take the game, after "setting." Chen was then so exhausted that he retired.

SURPRISE

The second game of the evening provided quite a surprise in that C. K. Lee and C. O. Lee, one of the most brilliant combinations in the Colony, were carried the whole distance by Mackay and Chan, of Kowloon Tong.

When the University pair won the first eight aces in the first game, it appeared any odds on them winning the match in the easiest possible manner. The "B" Division players then rallied strongly, and fought the remainder of the game with great dourness. They picked up the hardest University smashes and more than matched them for combination and speed in covering court.

They never quite recovered from that early setback, however, and the Lees went out at 11.

SET ALL

The next game saw the Kowloon Tong pair in complete dominance. They went away with a quick lead by means of accurate lobbing and although their opponents rallied strongly in the latter part of the game, they could do no better than 11 aces.

Prospects of a thrilling last game were quickly dispelled. The Lees changed their tactics, and were always masters of the situation to win the game and the match for the loss of only four more aces.

The losers more than matched their opponents in all phases of the game, and if either of them had been able to smash with any decision, the numerous short lobs served up to them in the final game, it is quite conceivable that they would have won.

AGAINST RUN OF PLAY

A. L. Fisher lost his game with II. Y. Hon against the run of the play. So thought many.

After a weak opening, he held his opponent throughout the first game, but eventually lost.

Playing with far more confidence in the second, he was at one period leading by 12-4, and with every likelihood of winning the game and carrying a fast-tiring opponent to the final game. Hon, however, with rare determination, rallied brilliantly, levelled, and eventually won against long odds.

Fisher threw away numerous points by moving into the net after playing a clearing shot. The return lob invariably caught him off balance and he was thus forced into losing positions.

He worked very hard throughout and covered an amazing amount of ground in the course of the evening.

The following are the results of the First round of the Badminton Championship played at the Club de Recreio last night.

F. Tsang	beat	J. A. Chan	17-14.
Chen	retired	after the first game.	
N. A. E. Mackay	and	A. Chan	lost
to C. K. Lee	and	C. O. Lee	11-15;
15-11;	4-15.		
S. Y. Hon	beat	A. L. Fisher	15-13;
18-17.			

INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL SERIES

FINAL WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY ON CLUB GROUND

Sir Shouson Chow To Pitch The First Ball

STRONG CHINESE LINE-UP AGAINST YANKEES

(By "SHORTSTOP")

WITH only limited practice during the past two weeks, the finalists in the International Softball Series, China and the U.S.A., which will be played next Sunday at 2.30 p.m., on the Hong Kong Football Club ground, are nevertheless "rarin' to go!" Having made all the medicine he can with his team, Abe Liu, the coach for China, confidently awaits the outcome of the championship.

China has the more impressive line-up with their roster of youngsters, the youngest being Earl Wong, 18 year old third sacker, who has made a remarkable showing in baseball the past two seasons.

The line-up for China would even make a good one for baseball. Chow Young, the "Wizard of the Whiff," has been playing in high competitive ball Leagues in Hawaii, and was the star hurler for the winners of the pennant in the Honolulu Commercial Softball League, before he came to Hong Kong.

Working with him behind the bat is able Nip Lum, whose versatility enables him to play in any position on the field with surety. Nip is probably the best base-stealer in the League.

Hard-hitting Bill Woo, late of Montreal, will be at first; Al Lau, another hefty clouter at second; and Bobby Jan, star of Pui Ching Academy, will be seen at short. Out in the orchard, there are Tuffy Chinn, stocky leftfielder; fleetfooted Wally Ching at centre; and the redoubtable Tommy Chan, veteran of four Far Eastern Olympics, at right.

TOUGH ASSIGNMENT

The Americans have a tough assignment on Sunday when they clash with China as there is no one in Hong Kong who is quite as capable as Abe Liu when it comes to coaching a baseball team. However, anything can happen in a ball game, and many rehearsed plays can go awry when least expected.

The Yankee contingent are going into the melee with apprehension as, considering the relative merits of each side, the Chinese have youth and the old fighting spirit which is a combination that is hard to beat.

NOT ENOUGH PRACTICE

Although the Americans are the more experienced aggregation, they have had very little practice together as a team.

If it were not for the newly arrived strengthening of five new players in the Colony the Americans would not even have had a showing in the preliminaries.

AMERICAN NEWCOMERS

Of these newcomers, Rex Rechs-teiner is the most outstanding. Rex has made the best showing of any in the League at his favourite position at the windy alley, and his hitting is beyond reproach. Between Rex and Butch McCall, the fans are kept in delight at their speedy bullet throws to Bill North, at the initial bag, who is pretty sure of his position. Hank Madigan, whose berth at leftfield is filled very ably, is also a mighty swatter; while Jimmy

JIM FERRIER'S OUTSTANDING FEAT

Sydney, January 6. The outstanding golf performance during the holidays was N.S.W. amateur and close champion, Jim Ferrier's, 137 for 36 holes at Manly on Monday.

With rounds of 67 and 70, he was seven strokes under par, and with them he won the scratch trophy, and the handicap, playing from plus 1. Incidentally, he is the only player in the State who is handicapped at his club to concede start to par.

Gilloegly can cover all flies within two blocks of centerfield.

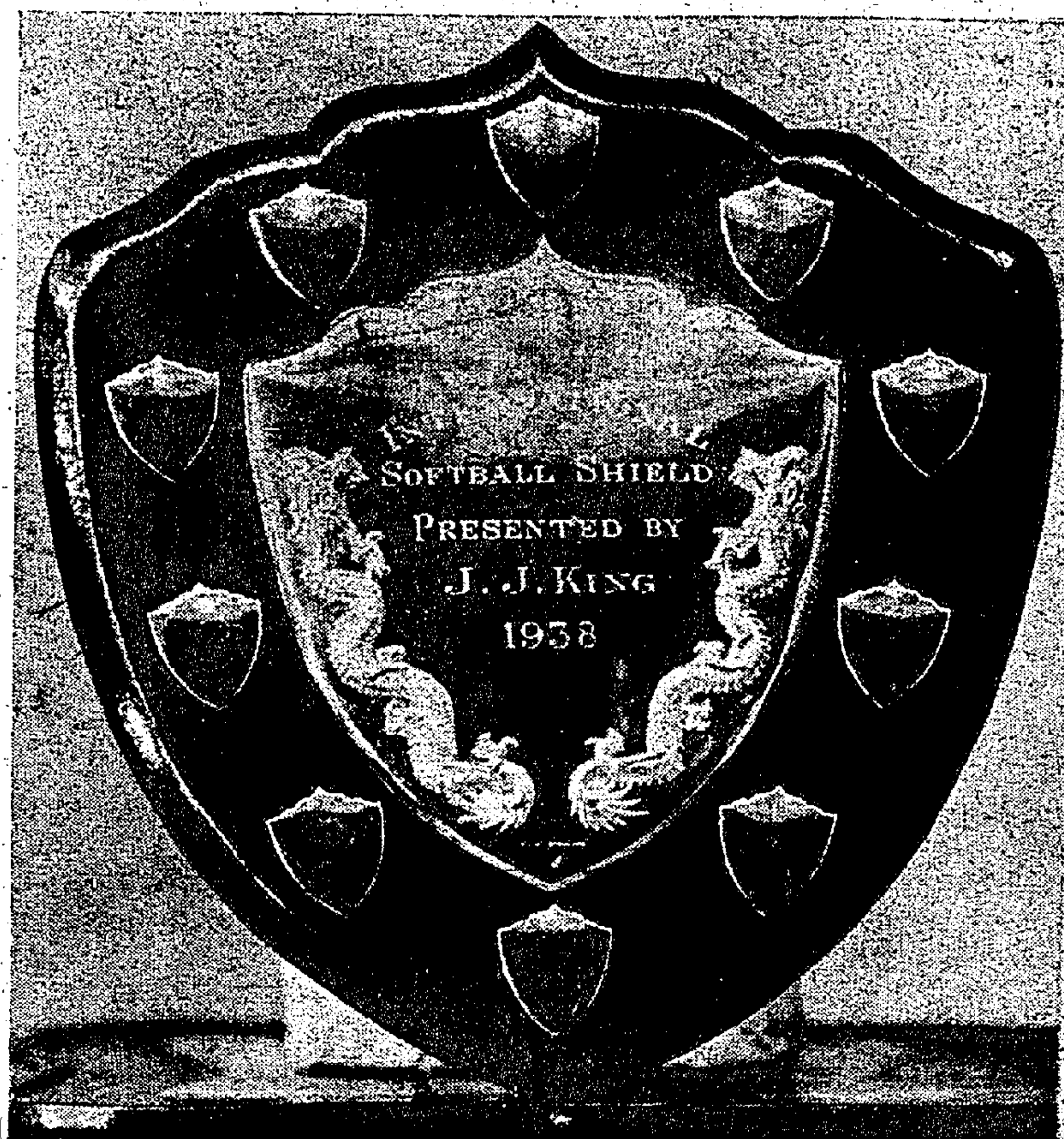
"SWEET LOOKING POOL TABLE" All in all, the Americans have a sweet looking pool table, but they have to be on their toes, and we don't mean ballet dancers, either!

An oldtime baseball fan, Sir Shouson Chow, will pitch the first ball to-morrow afternoon. Sir Shouson first became interested in the game some fifteen years ago when the famous South China baseball team ran away with the local pennant each season. Another distinguished personage in the grandstand will be Madam, Sun Fo, who has kindly consented to be the patroness of the International Softball Series.

TABLE TENNIS RESULTS

The results of the Hong Kong Table Tennis Singles League matches played last evening were as follows:

Chung Chok-yung beat Chan Shui-fan	3-2
Cheng Kok-wing received w. o. from D. R. Speckling	3-2
Chung Wing-kwong beat Lee Hon-kun	3-2
W. J. Skinner received w. o. from D. R. Speckling	3-0
Shu Shui-kow beat A. M. Botelho	3-0
O Lung Fai beat L. J. Remedios	3-0



The International Softball Shield, above, was donated by Mr. James J. King. China and U. S. A., will meet in the final of the International Softball Series next Sunday.

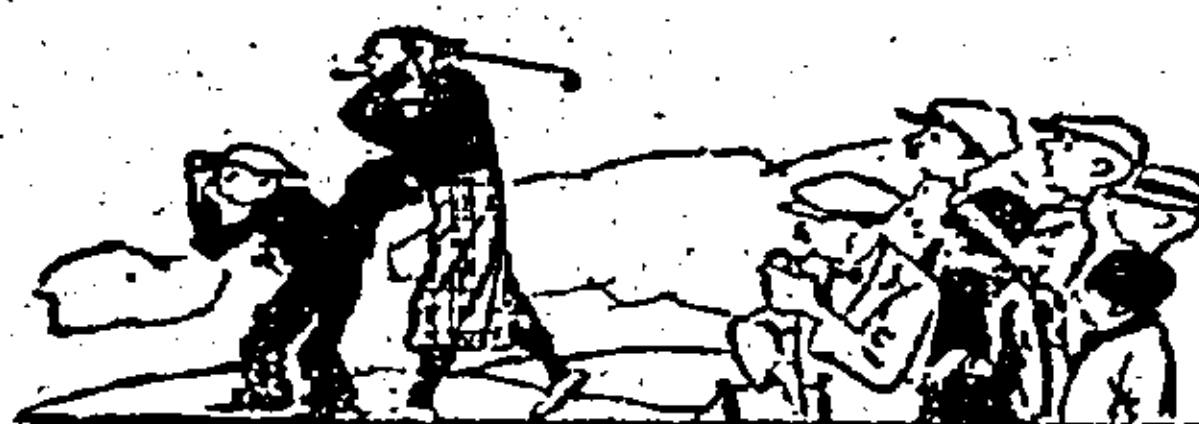
LETTER FROM COTTON

Thanks To Australian Golfers

Sydney, January 7.

The British open golf champion, Henry Cotton, will not visit Australia for the proposed tournament during the Anniversary celebrations. In a letter to Mr. A. Keane, the organiser of the suggested tournament, Cotton wrote:—

"Thank you for your nice letter and good wishes. Please convey my



thanks to the Australian boys for their appreciation of anything I have done to help British golf.

"At the present time I am not planning to make the trip of the nature you suggest, although I am grateful for the clear way in which you have shown me the financial possibilities of such a trip. Again thanking you very much for the trouble you have taken to detail all this for me, and if I do change my plans, I will certainly get in touch with you."

FAREWELL DINNER TO F. L. RAPLEY

A dinner in honour of Mr. F. L. Rapley who is shortly leaving the Colony, is to be held at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday next. This will be followed by a concert and a presentation to the guest of the evening.

CANADA WRESTS VICTORY FROM DEFEAT

Prague, To-day.

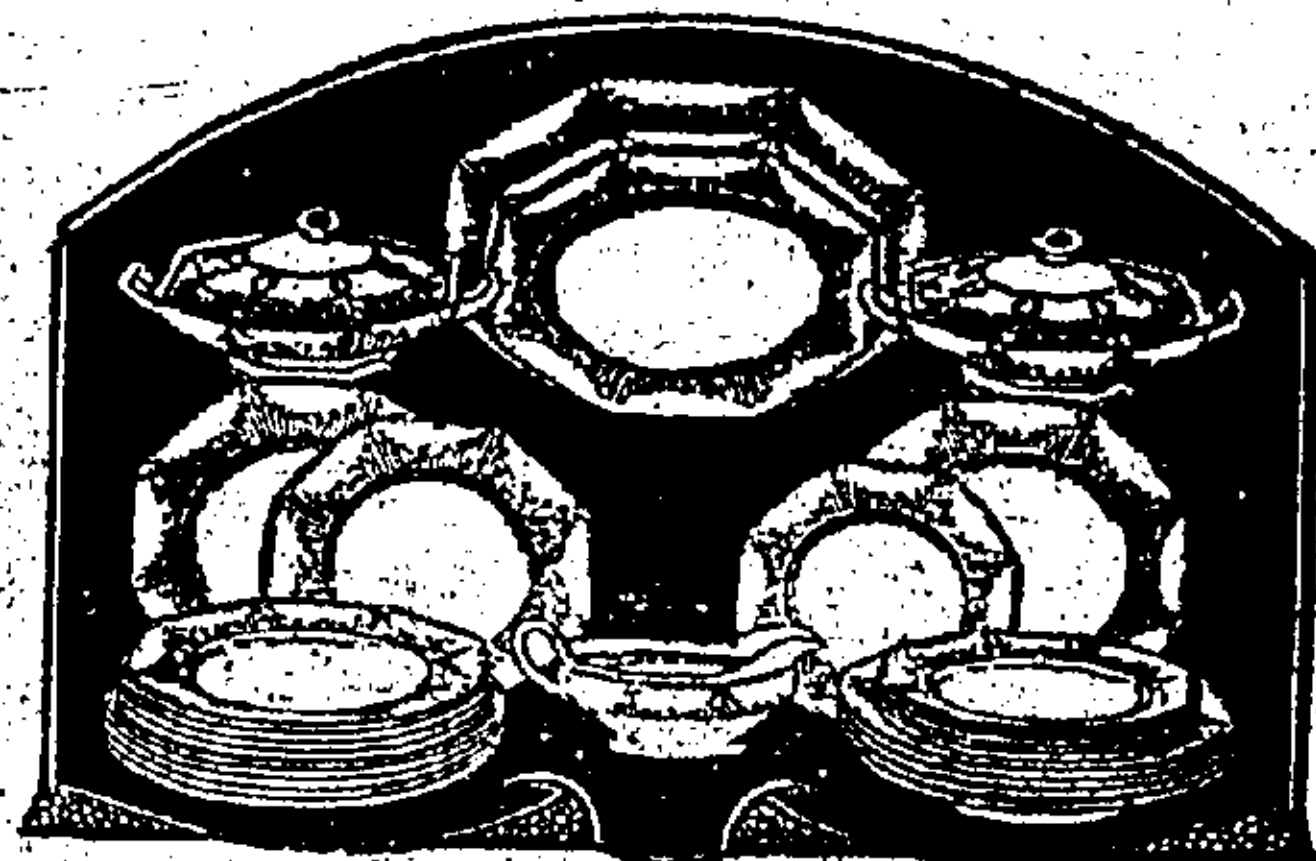
In the semi-finals of the World Ice Hockey Championship yesterday, Canada beat Germany by 3 goals to 2.

Germany was leading by 2-1 only thirty seconds before the end, when Canada drew level.

In the extra period, Godfrey scored again for Canada.—Trans-Ocean.

Owing to uncertain weather conditions it has been decided to postpone the Peak School Sports until Wednesday, March 2nd, at 2.45 p.m.

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WHAT OTHER PEOPLE SAY—

Tommy Farr is quoted as saying in Toronto that he would knock out James Braddock, knock Max Bear's ears off, and be world champion within a year. Proof positive that our Tony-pandy pal is still the modest mountain violet.—Paul Irwin.

I believe in the future of amateur lawn tennis. There will always be enough amateur players to make the great tournament interesting, and Wimbledon will always hold its unique position as the first home of international lawn tennis. Amateur associations should not, in my opinion, be interested in open tournaments. They will increase

the temptation to young players to turn professional.—Jean Borotra.

I am pretty certain we shall see H. W. Austin leading the British Davis Cup team this year. C. E. Hare is almost a certainty for the next place. At present the Lawn Tennis Association might take the next two names out of a hat, though I favour the chances of Donald MacPhail, of Glasgow, and D. W. Butler, of Worcester.—Fred Stowe.

There never was a more detrimental term, a more misleading term invented, than "physical jerks." To one who understands human physical quality, the term is nauseating.

What is wanted in football, in cricket, in tennis, in golf, and in all such pursuits is rhythm, fluency, and control. Jerkiness is just the worst feature that can be cultivated.—C. B. Fry.

No one felt more sorry for Hough than I did, and I have been sorry for dozens of boxers, but the fact does not alter the case that a low blow is a breach of rules, and while those rules may be a bit elastic if the blow is a glancing one and does no damage, if the blow hurt the recipient of the punch the referee would be lacking in his duty if he failed to disqualify the offender.—Norman Hurst.



The secret of the rise to power of this team (Wolverhampton Wanderers) of youthful experts—the average age of the players is only 22—is that they do not mind risking all on attack. When the forwards are on the move the half-backs go up, too. Will they dare to employ the same tactics against Arsenal and thereby expose their defence to the deadly thrusts of Drake, Bastin, and Kirchen? A great deal depends upon whether centre half Cullis is used as a stopper or an attacker.—Frank Coles.

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FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

Comprehensive Table Shows Form At A Glance

A comprehensive guide to the form of all Clubs in the four Premier English Football Leagues and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L, and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figures in brackets denote the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

FIRST DIVISION	HOME					AWAY					Goals	Pta.	TL
	P	P	W	L	D	P	P	W	L	D			
Brentford (6) DwWID	28	15	9	2	4	32	17	22	13	5	5	3	16
Wolves (5) wWwWw	25	12	8	0	4	26	8	20	13	6	5	2	15
Arsenal (3) WdWW	27	13	10	1	2	22	17	22	14	4	6	4	18
Leeds (19) IdWdW	28	15	9	1	5	28	16	23	13	2	5	6	17
Preston (14) dWDDw	27	14	7	1	6	25	12	20	13	3	5	5	20
Charlton (2) dWdwl	25	13	8	2	3	25	11	19	12	2	3	7	13
Bolton (20) LWILd	28	14	7	4	3	27	19	17	14	3	4	7	15
Sunderland (8) IWDdd	27	13	8	2	3	15	13	19	14	2	7	5	14
Derby (4) wLWIW	28	15	7	4	4	33	27	18	13	3	6	4	13
Middlesbrough (7) WIDwW	26	14	8	2	4	30	20	20	12	3	8	1	17
Manchester C. (1) LwwDw	25	13	9	2	2	28	15	20	12	2	7	3	23
Chelsea (13) dDLIW	27	14	7	2	5	32	20	19	13	3	8	2	12
Stoke (10) dWIIW	27	13	7	1	5	30	8	19	14	2	10	2	12
Huddersfield (15) ILILL	27	12	7	4	1	17	16	15	15	3	9	3	16
W. Brom. (16) dDdWI	26	13	5	5	3	31	22	13	13	4	6	3	20
Everton (17) IWIWw	27	13	8	3	2	33	18	18	14	2	10	2	14
*Leicester (-) LLIdD	28	14	6	5	3	22	15	15	14	3	8	3	15
Grimsby (12) IdDIW	28	14	5	4	5	17	19	15	14	1	6	7	15
Birmingham (11) dDILI	27	14	4	2	8	22	18	16	13	1	7	5	12
Liverpool (18) dDdDD	26	13	4	6	3	23	22	11	13	3	5	5	13
Portsmouth (9) dDWII	28	14	4	5	5	23	19	13	14	2	8	4	15
Blackpool (-) ILwDI	29	14	3	6	5	17	19	11	15	4	9	2	19

SECOND DIVISION	HOME					AWAY					Goals	Pta.	TL
	P	P	W	L	D	P	P	W	L	D			
Sheffield U. (7) IWWwd	28	14	12	1	1	34	15	25	14	5	6	3	23
Aston Villa (9) WdWId	27	13	10	1	2	31	9	22	14	5	5	4	14
Coventry (8) WLIW	28	15	9	2	4	21	16	22	13	4	4	5	20
Bradford (20) LWWwl	26	13	8	1	4	33	13	20	13	4	4	5	9
*M'cster U. (-) dWWdd	26	12	8	2	2	29	14	18	14	4	4	6	19
Chesterfield (15) ILdWW	27	13	8	3	2	30	16	18	14	4	4	6	18
Burnley (13) WdWDW	29	16	9	2	5	25	9	23	13	2	6	5	15
Tottenham (10) LWWId	27	12	9	1	2	27	9	20	15	3	10	2	19
Norwich (17) dWILD	27	13	9	1	3	26	22	21	14	1	9	4	19
West Ham (6) dDWI	26	15	8	2	5	28	19	21	11	0	6	5	10
Bury (3) wIwIW	26	13	7	4	2	31	14	16	13	4	7	2	14
Southampton (19) IWDW	28	16	8	2	6	33	21	22	12	2	10	0	13
*Luton (-) IWLW	26	13	7	3	3	33	20	17	13	3	8	2	18
Notts. F. (18) IdWI	28	14	8	3	3	21	14	19	14	1	10	3	11
Newcastle (4) IWWl	27	14	8	3	3	26	7	19	13	1	9	3	16
*Wednesday (-) WdWII	27	13	6	4	3	17	14	15	14	2	8	4	15
Blackburn (12) WIIW	27	13	7	1	5	30	21	19	14	1	11	2	16
Barnsley (14) ILwII	27	11	6	3	2	20	11	14	16	2	10	4	17
Fulham (11) wWWId	27	13	4	3	6	26	18	14	14	3	9	2	21
Swansea (16) dIWI	28	15	7	4	4	17	13	18	13	0	9	4	11
Stockport (-) ILId	26	12	5	3	4	15	12	14	14	2	9	3	15
Plymouth (5) WWDID	27	13	5	4	4	23	22	14	14	1	10	3	11

THIRD DIVISION SOUTH	HOME					AWAY					Goals	Pta.	TL
	P	P	W	L	D	P	P	W	L	D			
Queen's P.R. (9) LdWww	28	14	9	2	3	36	9	21	14	6	4	4	26
Watford (4) WwWID	28	14	8	2	4	35	12	20	14	5	4	5	12
Notts. C. (2) IWWIW	26	13	8	2	3	19	9	19	13	6	5	2	15
Bristol C. (15) WwWwW	25	13	10	0	3	25	7	23	12	3	6	3	12
Southend (10) IWLIL	28	15	11	2	2	26	11	24	13	3	9	1	17
Cardiff (17) dDIWI	26	15	11	0	4	47	19	26	11	1	7	9	21
Reading (5) WIIWI	27	12	10	2	0	24	18	20	15	2	6	7	19
Brighton (3) IdWwL	26	15	11	2	2	25	11	24	11	2	7	2	13
Bournemouth (6) WIIW	27	14	6	0	8	26	7	20	13	4	8	1	11
Mansfield (-) WdWwW	26	13	8	1	4	24	8	20	13	3	7	3	8
Crystal P. (3) wILWd	26	12	8	2	2	26	18	18	14	3	7	4	12
Swindon (13) IWIWd	27	13	9	2	2	23	9	20	14	1	8	5	9
Millwall (8) dDILd	25	10	5	2	3	21	13	13	15	4	6	5	15
Northampton (7) wWILw	26	11	5	4	2	13	10	12	15	6	8	1	21
Newport (18) WIIWd	27	12	7	2	3	21	9	17	15	1	9	5	11
Exeter (20) WIIWd	26	14	7	5	2	27	17	16	12	2	6	4	11
Aldershot (21) dWIIW	25	13	6	4	3	15	14	15	12	3	8	1	11
Bristol R. (14) IWIWI	27	14	6	2	6	19	15	18	13	1	10	2	10
Torquay (19) wLIL	27	13	6	6	1	15	13	13	14	2	9	3	9
Clapton (12) dIILW	27	14	5	5	4	16	14	14	13	2	9	2	12
Walsall (16) dLILl	27	15	7	7	1	22	26	15	12	0	10	2	10
Gillingham (11) dDWIW	26	12	5	4	3	10	15	13	13	1	11	1	9

THIRD DIVISION NORTH	HOME					AWAY					Goals	Pta.	TL
	P	P	W	L	D	P	P	W	L	D			
Rotherham (17) WIdwW	27	15	10	1	4	31	13	24	12	6	6	0	21
Tranmere (19) wDWdW	26	15	11	2	2	27	12	24	11	4	4	3	12
Gateshead (11) wDWIW	25	12	9	0	3	33	13	21	11	5	5	3	18
Hull (5) WILDl	27	12	8	1	3	38	9	19	15	5	6	4	17
Oldham (4) dIWD	26	14	9	1	4	29	10	22	12	4	5	3	11
Lincoln (2) WwWwW	27	14	9	3	2	35	9	20	13	4	4	5	14
Doncaster (-) WdWlL	26	12	9	2	1	18	14	19	14	4	5	5	18
Carlisle (10) WdWlW	27	16	9	3	4	29	15	22	11	4	6	1	18
Chester (3) dIWDW	27	15	8	2	5	35	24	21	12	2	5	5	11
York (12) dIWWw	25	13	8	3	2	29	17	18	12	4	5	3	19
Wrexham (8) dDIWI	26	12	8	2	2	22	9	18	14	2	8	4	15
Rochdale (18) WILlL	28	13	5	4	4	23	13	14	15	5	9	1	10
Port Vale (11) dDDW	26	12	6	1	5	28	13	17	14	2	8	4	20
Southport (14) IWDdI	26	12	5	4	3	21	18	13	14	3	6	5	27
Crews (20) dDdWW	27	14	6	4	4	24	14	16	13	3	8	2	13
Hallifax (7) IdWdl	25	12	6	4	2	2	12	14	13	3	7	3	19
N. Brighton (15) DWIdL	25	12	5	5	2	15	15	12	13	2	7	4	17
Bradford C. (-) IWDI	26	13	7	2	4	28	20	18	13	1	12	0	10
Darlington (22) dDLW	27	14	5	7	2	22	25	10	13	1	9	3	13
Accrington (13) LILdW	26	13	5	8	0	19	25	10	13	2	8	3	11
Barrow (16) IWWWI	27	12	6	5	1	16	13	13	15	1	13	1	11
Hartlepool (6) IWWI	27	13	5	4	4	15	14	14	14	0	13	1	14

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Hearts (3) LIWwl	29	15	12	1	2	36	11	26	14	5	5	4	25
Rangers (1) wLDWI	27	15	9	2	4	36	15	22	12	5	4	3	13
Motherwell (4) IWIW	29	15	9	2	4	38	18	22	14	4	6	4	14
Falkirk (7) wLwL	28	13	6	4	3	32	24	15	15	8	5	2	33
Partick (13) wWdL	26	12	8	3	1	30	14	17	14	4	5	5	17
Aberdeen (2) WIIWd	30	14	8	3	3	31	13	19	16	3	8	5	26
Arbroath (14) dDLWI	29	16	7	4	5	30	24	19	13	3	6	4	16

Schubert Symphony By B.B.C. Orchestra

To-day's Wireless

Brahms Recital By Mrs. Sanger

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Songs by Paul Robeson (Bass).
Swing Along (Cook).
Blue Prelude (Bishop).
Lazin' (film 'Big Fella').
12.40 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
The Rosary (Nevin, arr. Altendorf).
Mighty Lak' A Rose (Nevin).
Along The Banks Of The Volga (Fantasia Of Russian Waltzes—Borchert).
'La Belle Helene'—Selection.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
An Autumn Serenade (Bece).
Poem (Fibich).
Reminiscences Of Friml.
1.15 p.m.—Soprano Solos.
My Lovely Celia (Monro, arr. Wilson).
Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Ivor Newton.
Lo, Here The Gentle Lark (Bishop).
Mavis Bennett (Soprano).
Sleep On ('Helen'—Offenbach, arr. Korngold).
My Man (Adams)... Winnie Melville (Soprano).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Compositions of Rachmaninoff & Arensky.
Suite No. 2 For Two Pianos (Rachmaninoff).
Waltz From Suite For Two Pianos, Op. 15 (Arensky).
Vronsky & Babin.

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2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5-8.05 p.m.—European Programme.
8.05-11 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
5 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
7 p.m.—Sea Shanties.
Blow The Man Down—Tom's Gone To Hilo (arr. Terry).
A Dollar And A Half A Day; The Hog's Eye Man (arr. Terry).
One More Day; On The Banks Of Sacramento (arr. Harris)... John Goss (Baritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.
7.10 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.
Selection Of Bing Crosby Numbers.
Polka Medley.
Excuse Me Dance.
'Tulip Time'—Selection (Sievier & Wark).
'Please Teacher'—Selection (Waller & Tunbridge).
7.35 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.40 p.m.—Studio—Brahms Recital by Mrs. Sanger (Soprano) accompanied by Gerald Sydney (Piano).
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.05 p.m.—Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.
11 p.m.—Close down.
RADIO PROGRAMME BROADCAST BY ZEK ON A FREQUENCY OF 640 KILOCYCLES.
8.05 p.m.—Light Variety.
Orchestra w. Harp.

Cocktail.
Waltz Medley... Harry Chapman (Harp) & His Music Lovers.
Vocal.
Rainbow On The River (from film).
Flower-Song (film 'Rainbow on the River')... Bobby Breen.
Orchestra—
Española—Waltz (Waldteufel).
Castanet—Waltz (Richartz).
Barnabas Von Geczy & His Orchestra.
Vocal—Elsie Carlisle Medley.
Elsie Carlisle.
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—'At The Black Dog'.
9 p.m.—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
'Zampa'—Overture (Herold, arr. Godfrey).
'The Mikado'—Selection (Sullivan).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'World Affairs'. A talk by the Right Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.C.M.G., K.B.E.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Piano Solos by Benno Moisevitch.
Rondo (Hummel).
Impromptu In A Flat (Chopin).
Flirtations In A Chinese Garden; Rush Hour In Hong Kong (Chasins).
10.05 p.m.—Schubert's Songs.
Hedge Rose (Op. 3, No. 3); Impatience ('Die Schöne Mullerin'—Op. 25, No. 7).
The Erl King (Op. 1)... Alexander Kipnis (Bass) accomp. by Gerald Moore (Piano).
10.15 p.m.—Schubert—Symphony No. 7 In C Major. Played by The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.
11 p.m.—Close down.

G.M.T.
8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. 'The Private Soldier' A talk by Ian Hay.
8.30 a.m.—The Violin Sonatas of Corelli.
8.55 a.m.—'Empire Mail-bag'. Some extracts from your letters to us.
9.25 a.m.—Quentin Maclean, at the Organ of the Trocadero Cinema, Elephant and Castle, London.
9.45 a.m.—'World Affairs'. A talk by the Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.C.M.G., K.B.E.
10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.
10.25 a.m.—Close Down.
TRANSMISSION 2
Frequencies—
GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (18.98 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (18.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. The BBC Welsh Orchestra.
11.45 a.m.—'The Count of Monte Cristo'.
12.15 p.m.—Alfred Van Dam and his State Orchestra.
12.30 p.m.—'At the Black Dog'.
1.00 p.m.—Ernest Leggett and The Continental Players.
1.15 p.m.—'World Affairs'.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close Down.
TRANSMISSION 3
Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (18.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s
1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. Jack Wilson and his Versatile Five.
2.30 p.m.—The BBC Military Band.
3.00 p.m.—W. H. Berry as 'Mr. Micawber', in some episodes from his life.
3.15 p.m.—Symphony No. 4 in E minor. Op. 98.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—'Matters of Moment'. A talk by the Rt. Hon. Margaret Bondfield.
4.35 p.m.—Tunes from Tyneside.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A. Brain Twister

I was beginning to think that "my pair" would come out with the most enormous match-point score that I had ever seen, when a hand came up which proved a temporary Waterloo. Strangely enough, it was through no fault of either player that this board resulted in a zero score for them. Playing on defence, East was confronted with a situation that is the bane of every expert's bridge life. I was sitting directly behind East and my suffering, though vicarious, probably matched his. Frankly, I do not know what I would have done in his spot. This was the brain twister:

NORTH
S.—A J
H.—K Q 10 8 5
D.—K 3 2
C.—J 10 7
EAST
S.—K Q 5
H.—A 7 3 2
D.—8 4
C.—A 6 4 3
SOUTH
S.—7 6 4
H.—None
D.—A Q J 10 9 6 5
C.—Q 9 5

The bidding (East-West vulnerable):
North East South West
1 heart Pass 2 diamonds Pass
2 hearts Pass 3 diamonds Pass
3 no trump Double 5 diamonds Pass
Pass Double Pass Pass

East's double of three no trump was largely on suspicion; the bidding sounded as though North and South were pressing. Incidentally, it should be noted that three no trump would have been defeated by good defence. East and West could have cleared their spade suit before declarer could build a heart or a club trick. Five diamonds also could have been licked, but oh, what a guess East had to make!

The opening lead was the spade ten, dummy winning with the ace. Then declarer, after a moment's

thought, led the five of hearts from dummy.

With all the cards exposed there is no problem, of course. East simply ducks and declarer must ruff, later having to concede two club tricks and one spade. But, dear reader, put yourself in East's position. From his point of view declarer might well be leading toward a blank jack. In that case it would probably be fatal to hold up the ace. Suppose declarer's hand had been:

S.—7 6 4, H.—J, D.—A Q J
10 9 6 5, C.—K 5.

In that case East could win the heart ace and cash a spade and a club trick. Failure to put up the ace would result in its loss and hold the defenders to two tricks.

As mentioned above, this is a situation that has had a great deal to do with the fact that all experts are a little mad.

When East finally put up the ace and saw it ruffed, he was mad in both a puristic and a colloquial sense. After ruffing, declarer drew trumps, discarded two clubs on the king and queen of hearts, and finally conceded two tricks.

It should be noted that declarer's play on this hand was eminently correct. After the spade ace is knocked out, dummy has only one quick entry—the diamond king. To lead the heart king through in the hope that the ace can be ruffed away, or finessed, is futile; one discard will avail declarer exactly nothing. He urgently requires two discards on the hearts, and the only method of obtaining them is a hoax play. East-West were simply "out of luck" on this hand.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: The bidding has been:
South West North East
4 hearts Pass Pass ?
East holds:
S.—A Q 8, H.—7 6, D.—A Q 9
6-3, C.—K 9-4.
What is his proper bid?
Answer: East should double.

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Hong Kong, 14th February, 1938.

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He asserted that the committee had failed to comply with the order that permission must be obtained from both the Peace Preservation Council and the military authorities and that compliance with the request would find all difficulties removed.
—Our Own Correspondent.

MR. EDEN CONGRATULATES LITHUANIA

London, To-day.
On behalf of the British Government, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, yesterday addressed a congratulatory telegram to the Lithuanian Government on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the proclamation of the Lithuanian Republic.

U.S. ENVOY'S LETTER ON PANAY FUND

Tokyo, To-day.
Genuine appreciation of the contributions of the Japanese people for the Americans involved in the Panay incident, was expressed by Mr. Joseph Grew, United States Ambassador, in a letter to Prince Tokugawa, president of the American-Japanese Society.

"I beg to inform you of my genuine appreciation of the sincere sympathy of the Japanese people in connexion with the Panay.

"I am deeply moved by your letter of February 12 in which you informed me that 7,749 individuals and 218 organisations all over Japan had contributed to the fund for construction of a vessel to replace the Panay.

"I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the cheque for Y 1,624,256 enclosed in your letter. Suitable use will be made of this amount.

"I have written this letter so that I can express deep gratitude to the Japanese people on behalf of the families of the killed and wounded on the Panay and on other American ships."—Reuter.

The telegram welcomes the "peaceful progress" made by Lithuania, and expresses the hope that this process of "constructive development" will continue.

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Tokyo, To-day.
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The spokesman said that Mr. Hull indicated that the U.S. Government would address no further Notes on the matter to Tokyo.

The spokesman added that he had received no reports on the subject, and hoped the matter was settled in that way.
—Reuter.

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An urgent appeal for 200,000 rain-coats and 200,000 pairs of rubber shoes for the Kwangsi troops at the front has been addressed to the local manager of the Bank of Kwangsi by Generals Li Chung-yen and Pei Chung-hsi. The appeal has been circulated and there has been a generous response, but further funds are needed. Contributions may be sent to the Manager, Bank of Kwangsi.

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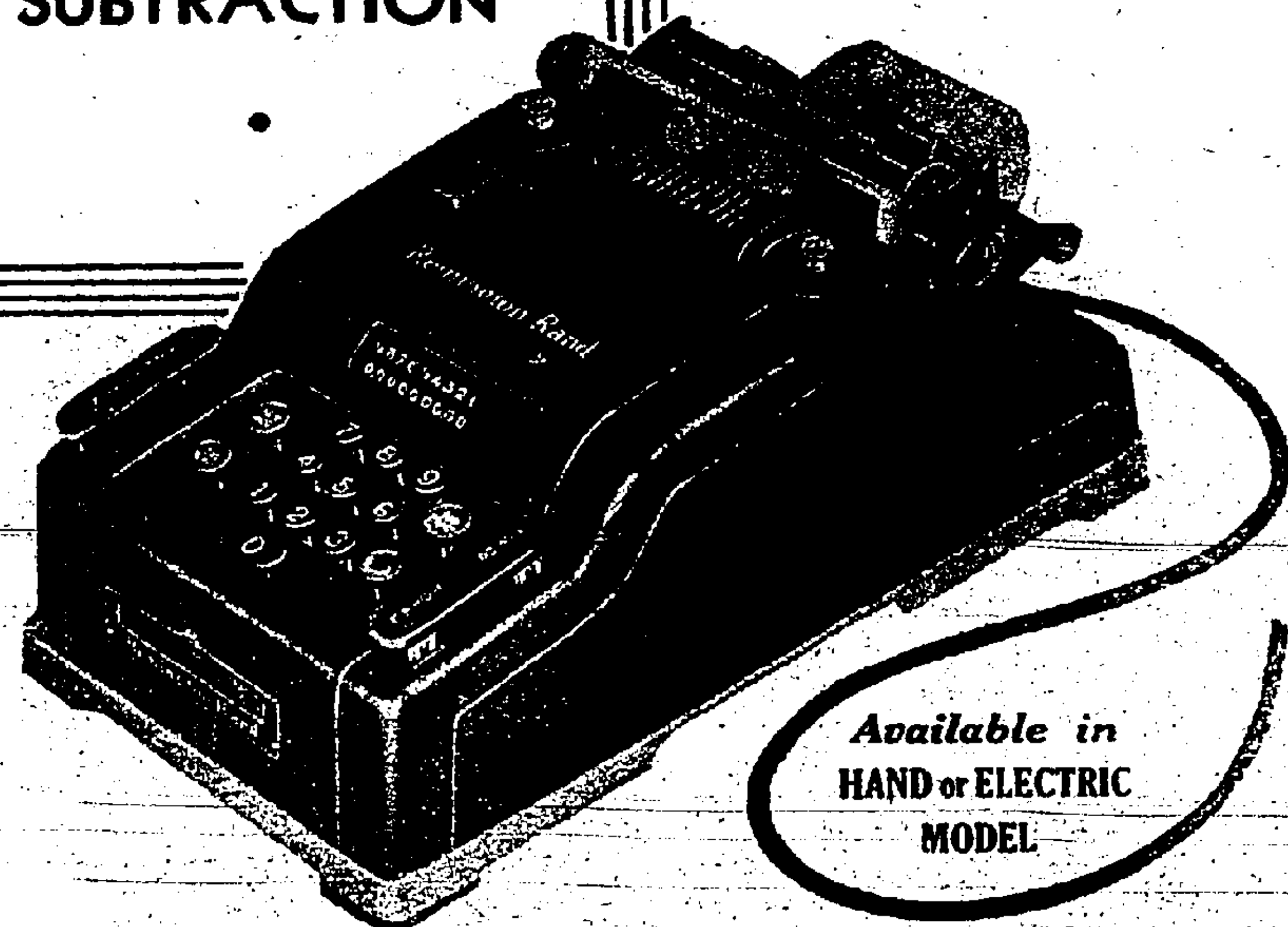
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